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## U.S. officials raise alarm about 2018, 2020 election security

FBI Director Christopher Wray listens during the daily press briefing at the White House, Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, in Washington.

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# White House asserts 'vast' effort to protect elections

By ZEKE MILLER and DEB RIECHMANN

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Responding to wide-ranging criticism that it lacked a clear national strategy to protect U.S. elections, the Trump administration put on a show of force Thursday and said the president had directed a "vast, government-wide effort" to safeguard a cornerstone of American democracy.

John Bolton, the national security adviser, also wrote in a letter to Senate Democrats that "President Trump has not and will not tolerate interference in America's system of representative government."

The warning to American adversaries came as top U.S. intelligence and homeland security officials raised alarms about potential efforts to influence the 2018 and 2020 elections. Homeland security chief Kirstjen Nielsen said: "Our democracy is in the crosshairs."

"We continue to see a pervasive messaging campaign by Russia to try to weaken and divide the United States," Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats said.

Their rare appearance during a White House briefing came as a display of resolve, weeks after Trump publicly undermined the conclusions of American intelligence agencies regarding Russian interference. After suffering a bipartisan outcry, Trump later said he accepted those findings.

Along with National Security Agency Director Paul



Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats arrives for the daily press briefing at the White House, Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, in Washington. From left, National Security Adviser John Bolton, Coats, and FBI Director Christopher Wray.

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Nakasone and FBI Director Christopher Wray, they appeared together at the White House on Thursday to try to reassure the American people they are doing everything in their power to address the threat.

"We're throwing everything at it," Coats said.

Nakasone, who is also the commander of the U.S. Cyber Command, said the command and the NSA are both tracking a wide range of foreign cyber adversaries and "are prepared to conduct operations against those actors attempting to undermine our nation's midterm elections."

Nakasone did not divulge details of the U.S. cyber playbook or say what U.S.

responses might have already taken place, saying the operations are sensitive and require confidentiality to achieve success. "I won't discuss the specifics, except to state that our forces are well-trained, ready and very capable," he said.

At one of his confirmation hearings in March, Nakasone said his role was to provide a series of cyber options that might be used as a deterrent to Russian meddling, but he told Congress then that cyber or military options might not be the most effective. "In fact, it may be less effective than other options that might be considered," he said.

Asked specifically if he had

been ordered or authorized to conduct any offensive cyber operations in response to foreign meddling in the U.S., Nakasone offered a vague response. "So my guidance and the direction from the present secretary of defense is very clear, we're not going to accept meddling in the elections. And it's very unambiguous."

Nielsen, Wray and Nakasone had all gathered earlier this week in New York City with leaders of top finance, energy and telecommunications companies for a cybersecurity summit, where they spoke of the urgent need for a collective, collaborative approach to security.

At the event, Nielsen said

the cyber threat now exceeds the danger of a physical attack against the U.S. by a hostile foreign group.

Wray told reporters that compared to 2016, in 2018 "we are not yet seeing the same kind of efforts to specifically target election infrastructure," but that other efforts to influence public opinion continue. He added that the FBI has active investigations on foreign influence across all 56 of its field offices.

"Make no mistake, the scope of this foreign influence threat is both broad and deep," he said.

But Nielsen said U.S. agencies have "seen a willingness and a capability on the part of the Russians" to attack U.S. election infrastructure.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers in both parties have pushed election security toward the top of the fall agenda amid heightened concerns about interference by Russians and others in the midterm elections.

Both Republicans and Democrats have criticized the administration's response as fragmented, without enough coordination across federal agencies. And with the midterms only three months away, critics have called on Trump to take a stronger stand.

Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee, questioned whether Trump was serious about countering Russian interference. □





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## Bookkeeper: Paul Manafort approved every penny' of bills

By CHAD DAY and ERIC TUCKER

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) —

Paul Manafort inflated his business income by millions of dollars and kept his bookkeeper in the dark about the foreign bank accounts he was using to buy luxury items and pay personal expenses, according to testimony during his trial Thursday.

But he otherwise approved "every penny" of the personal bills bookkeeper Heather Washkuhn paid for him, she said.

That testimony is important to special counsel Robert Mueller's team as it looks to rebut defense arguments that Manafort can't be responsible for financial fraud because he left the details of his spending to others. That includes his longtime associate Rick Gates, who pleaded guilty earlier this year and is expected to testify soon as the government's star witness.

"I would say he was very knowledgeable. He was very detail-oriented. He approved every penny of everything we paid," Washkuhn told jurors.

She also described documents submitted by Manafort to obtain loans. Prosecutors say the documents inflated the net income of his business by roughly \$4 million, and they say he tried to pass them off as coming from her accounting firm.

The fraudulent loan documents came after Manafort's political consulting work in the Ukraine had dried up and as he had begun to financially struggle, prosecutors say. Washkuhn told jurors about a series of emails she sent him in 2016

warning that he was behind on his payments, including to her.

Manafort faces charges of bank fraud and tax evasion that could put him in prison for the rest of his life. It's the first courtroom test of Mueller's team, which is tasked with looking into Russia's efforts to interfere with the U.S. election and whether the Trump presidential campaign colluded with Moscow to sway voters.

While the question of collusion remains unanswered, Manafort's financial fraud trial has exposed the lucrative and secretive world of foreign lobbying that made Manafort rich.

Other witnesses testifying this week said Manafort paid them millions from the offshore accounts tied to foreign shell companies for landscaping, expensive clothing and even a karaoke machine.

When prosecutor Greg Andres read off some of the offshore companies to Manafort's bookkeeper, she said Manafort never told her about them. She said she would have documented them for tax purposes if he had.

On cross-examination, Manafort attorney Thomas Zehnle tried to get Washkuhn to say Gates was heavily involved in approving expenses. The Manafort legal team has been working to convince the jury that Gates is to blame rather than their client.

But Washkuhn said that while Gates dealt with some business matters for Manafort's consulting firm, "mainly Mr. Manafort was the approval source."

The federal judge overseeing the trial has questioned the hundreds of exhibits

prosecutors want to submit as evidence of Manafort's lavish spending.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III said the money is relevant, but he doesn't see the need for prosecutors to "gild the lily," especially considering Manafort's lawyers have not disputed that their client spent his money on luxury items. □



Paul Manafort's former bookkeeper Heather Washkuhn, left, walks to the Alexandria Federal Courthouse in Alexandria, Va., Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, to testify at the trial of President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman's tax evasion and bank fraud trial.

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## Trump proposes car-mileage rollback; states sue in protest

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and TOM KRISHER

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Citing safety, the Trump administration on Thursday proposed rolling back car-mileage standards, backing away from years of government efforts to cut Americans' trips to the gas station and reduce unhealthy, climate-changing tailpipe emissions.

If the proposed rule becomes final, it could roil the auto industry as it prepares for new model years and weaken one of the federal government's chief weapons against climate change — regulating emissions from cars and other vehicles. The result, opponents say, will be dirtier air and more pollution-related illness and death.

The proposal itself estimates it could cost tens of thousands of jobs — auto workers who deal with making vehicles more fuel efficient. The administration also said it wants to revoke an authority granted to California under the half-century-old Clean Air Act to set its own, tougher mileage standards. California and 16 other states already have filed suit to block any change in the fuel efficiency rules.

"The EPA has handed decision making over to the fossil fuel lobbyists ... the flat-Earthers, the climate change deniers," said Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey.

The proposal would freeze U.S. mileage standards at levels mandated by the Obama administration for 2020, when the new vehicle fleet will be required to hit an average of 30 miles per gallon in real-world driving. The proposed change, halt-



In this Aug. 1, 2018, photo, cars on the Grand Central Parkway pass LaGuardia Airport in New York. Associated Press

ing further improvement requirements, stakes its case on consumer choice and on highway safety claims challenged by many transportation experts.

The administration says waiving requirements for greater fuel efficiency would make cars and light trucks somewhat more affordable. And that, it said, would get vehicles with the latest technology into the hands of consumers more quickly.

It's got "everything to do with just trying to turn over the fleet ... and get more clean and safe cars on the road," said Bill Wehrum, assistant administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The administration will now seek public comment on its proposal and a range of other options, including leaving the tighter, Obama fuel standards in place.

Some Republican lawmakers supported the mileage freeze, but environmental groups and many states as-

sailed it.

"This has to be absolutely one of the most harmful and dumbest actions that the EPA has taken," said Healey of Massachusetts, one of the attorneys general from 19 states and the District of Columbia objecting to the change. "It's going to cost drivers here and across the country hundreds of millions of dollars more at the pump."

The EPA under President Barack Obama had proposed mileage standards that gradually would become tougher, rising to 36 miles per gallon in 2025, 10 mpg higher than the current requirement. California and the automakers agreed to the rules in 2012, setting a single national fuel economy standard.

Soon after taking office, President Donald Trump called for a rollback, urging "common sense changes" if the mileage requirements threatened auto industry jobs.

However, his administra-

tion's report on Thursday projects that relaxing mileage standards would cost 60,000 auto jobs by 2030. Those losses would hit the estimated 200,000 U.S. jobs that deal with making vehicles more fuel efficient, said Simon Mui of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

A Transportation Department spokesperson called the estimate of job losses "rough approximations."

Two former EPA mileage officials said the administration's proposal departed from years of findings on fuel efficiency, car safety, exhaust emissions and costs.

"They don't offer any meaningful example of what has changed so dramatically" to warrant the reversal, said Jeff Alson, who until this spring was a senior engineer in the EPA's transportation and air quality office. "In my opinion the only way they got there was, they knew what kind of results they were told to get and

they cooked the books to get that result."

Chet France, an EPA senior executive until his retirement in 2012, called the administration's contention that the mileage freeze would cause only a tiny increase in climate-changing exhaust emissions "bogus." California Gov. Jerry Brown said his state "will fight this stupidity in every conceivable way possible."

The Obama administration had planned to keep toughening fuel requirements through 2026, saying those and other regulations on vehicles would save 40,000 lives annually through cleaner air. That argument remained on the EPA's website Thursday.

According to Trump administration estimates, the Obama fuel efficiency standards would raise the price of vehicles by an average of \$2,340. That would price many buyers out of the new-vehicle market, forcing them to drive older, less-safe vehicles that pollute more, the administration says.

Heidi King, deputy administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said the freeze would reduce highway deaths by 1,000 per year "by reducing these barriers that prevent consumers from getting into the newer, safer, cleaner, more fuel-efficient cars."

But private transportation experts say there are so many factors involved that the 1,000-lives figure is questionable. The affordability argument also ignores thousands of dollars of saving in fuel costs for each driver over the life of a car, opponents of the rollbacks said. □



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ONLINE****www.GroceriesToGoAruba.com****Wisconsin man contracts rare blood infection from dog**By IVAN MORENO  
Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — A Wisconsin man was preparing for additional surgeries after having part of his legs and forearms amputated because of a dog lick that led to a rare blood infection, his wife said Thursday. Greg Manteufel, 48, has been hospitalized since late June, when he went to a Milwaukee-area hospital with flu-like symptoms. He was in good spirits despite having undergone seven surgeries so far, his wife, Dawn Manteufel, told The Associated Press.

She said her husband was heading into the operating room again on Thursday and still had three more surgeries to go, but that he was looking forward to being fitted for prosthetic limbs.

"He's happy to be here. He said he didn't come this far to cry about it and say, 'Why me?'" she said.

Her husband was diagnosed with a blood infection caused by capnocytophaga, bacteria that is common in the saliva of cats and dogs but almost never leads to illness, said Dr. Silvia Munoz-Price, an epidemiologist with Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin, where Manteufel is being treated.

The doctor said animal lovers have no need to panic: They're more likely to die in a car accident than to be infected by the bacteria.

"It's extremely rare. Do not get rid of your pets. Continue behaving the same way that you have behaved with your pets up until now," Munoz-Price said.

Dawn Manteufel said her husband's symptoms began on June 26, with a fever and pain in his legs. But then he started experiencing delirium, and bruises and blemishes developed during the short car ride to a hospital in West Bend, Wisconsin, where he was treated initially, she said.

The infection caused Greg Manteufel's blood pressure to drop and circulation in his limbs to rapidly decrease, which in itself isn't unusual for blood infections, Munoz-Price said. The infection was quickly cleared with antibiotics, but the problem in Manteufel's case "was that his body mounted an overwhelming response to this original blood infection and he shut down the circulation of his limbs," the doctor said.

Doctors first amputated Manteufel's legs, just below the knee. His forearms were amputated two weeks later, his wife said.

The tip of her husband's nose also lost blood circu-

lation and will need surgery to repair, she said.

It's unknown which dog gave Manteufel the infection. He and his wife own an 8-year-old pit bull, but she said her husband came in contact with several dogs in the days leading to his infection, including a stray he encountered during his job as a house painter.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, up to 74 percent of dogs and up to 57 percent of cats have capnocytophaga. People also have a different strain of the same bacteria in their mouths, Munoz-Price said.

"We have trillions of bacteria in our bodies. Usually those bacteria live happily with us. Sometimes they act up," she said.

The CDC doesn't track the number of infections from capnocytophaga.

Dawn Manteufel said that once her husband is released from the hospital, he will temporarily move in with his parents because



In this Aug. 2, 2018 photo provided by Dawn Manteufel, Greg Manteufel lays in his hospital bed at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee.

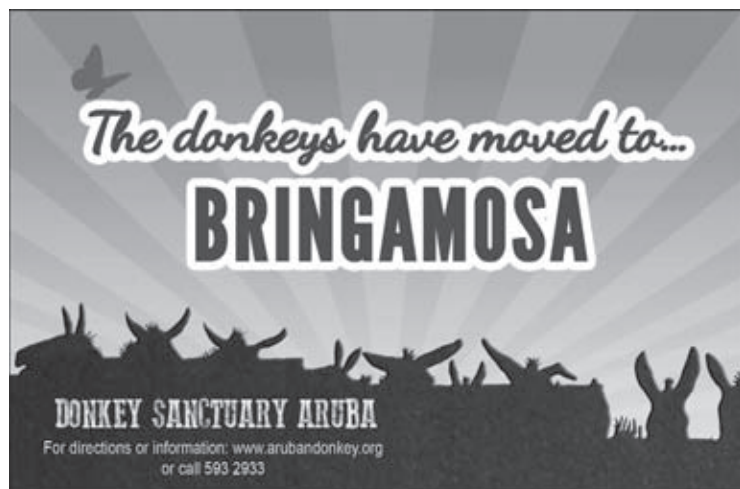
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they live in a one-story home that will be easier for him to navigate.

Eventually, she said, she and her husband will have to sell the two-story house they've lived in for 18 years and move elsewhere.

"His words are, 'It is what it is,'" Dawn Manteufel said.

A GoFundMe page to raise money for the Manteufels has been set up by a relative. □





# Reports: Oregon has pot oversupply, Colorado hits the mark

By GILLIAN FLACCUS and KATHLEEN FOODY

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — Two of the first states to broadly legalize marijuana took different approaches to regulation that left Oregon with a vast oversupply and Colorado with a well-balanced market. But in both states prices for bud have plummeted.

A new Oregon report by law enforcement found nearly 70 percent of the legal recreational marijuana grown goes unsold, while an unrelated state-commissioned Colorado study found most growers there are planting less than half of their legal allotment — and still meeting demand. The Oregon study released by the Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area — a coalition of local, state and federal agencies — includes the medical and general-use markets and the illegal market, despite gaps in data on illicit marijuana grows.

The Colorado study, released Thursday, focuses on the legal, general-use market, and researchers at



In this Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017, file photograph, Tim Cullen, chief executive officer of the Colorado Harvest Company, holds up a marijuana bud ready for sale in Denver.

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the University of Colorado Boulder's business school and a Denver consulting firm had access to state tracking data to produce the first-of-its-kind analysis. The law enforcement study noted Oregon still has a serious problem with out-of-state trafficking and black market grows — and the top federal law enforcement officer in Oregon demanded more cooperation from state and local officials Thursday in a strident statement.

"What is often lost in this discussion is the link be-

tween marijuana and serious, interstate criminal activity. Overproduction is rampant, and the illegal transport of product out-of-state — a violation of both state and federal law — continues unchecked," said Billy Williams, U.S. Attorney for Oregon. "It's time for the state to wake up, slow down and address these issues in a responsible and thoughtful manner."

The tandem reports nevertheless offer different case studies for California and other pot-friendly states as they ramp up their legal

pot industries. They also underscore some key differences in how broad legalization was handled that have helped shape differently evolving markets in each state.

Colorado sales of broadly legalized marijuana began in 2014, roughly two years before Oregon allowed marijuana to be sold at non-medical retail stores. And from the beginning, Colorado had stricter regulations for its growers than Oregon did.

Colorado gave existing medical marijuana growers the right of first refusal for licenses, cutting down right away on a potential source of black market production. The state also requires growers to show they have sold 85 percent of their output before allowing them to expand their growing operation, said Beau Whitney, senior economist at national cannabis analytics firm New Frontier Data.

"That was the right approach, and we've made that recommendation to other state regulators to do that because if you exclude the medical folks from entering the market, then there could be propensity for diversion" to the black market, he said.

"Colorado has done a good job in sizing the market. In Oregon, it's going to take a while for that balance to be established." Oregon didn't give existing medical marijuana growers priority over new applicants as Colorado did, and it also didn't cap licenses. That created a perfect storm of endless licenses for all comers paired with less incentive for medical growers to enter the new industry.

In June, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which oversees general-use marijuana, did put a pause on issuing new grow licenses to work through a months-long backlog of applicants. The Legislature will likely consider steps to get a handle on oversupply in the 2019 session.

The Pacific Northwest state also had to contend with a long-entrenched culture of illegal marijuana cultiva-

tion along its border with California, where there are near-perfect outdoor growing conditions. That tradition of illicit marijuana has created a nightmare for law enforcement agencies in rural, heavily forested counties already stretched thin by budget cuts.

The Oregon report, for example, noted nearly 15,000 pounds (6,800 kilograms) of marijuana with a street value of \$48 million has been seized heading to 37 other states. That doesn't include illegal pot snagged at Portland International Airport.

"I know a lot of the legal industry in Oregon has been asking for stepped-up enforcement to combat illegal operations, but there doesn't appear in those conversations a clear owner of the law enforcement," Whitney said.

Although Colorado has been more successful in finding a balance between supply and demand, retail prices for bud, or marijuana flower, have plummeted in both states about 50 percent since 2015.

That statistic could be deceiving, however, because most growers are now cultivating their crop for conversion into the increasingly popular oil extracts that wind up in everything from soaps to vape pens to edible gummies to salves. It takes 10 times more dried flower to make an oil extract and much of the dried flower is going to that market, Whitney said.

"What the report demonstrates to us is that our licensed operators are operating responsibly," said Mike Hartman, executive director of the Department of Revenue, which oversees marijuana regulation. "They're not overproducing the amount of product they're putting in the marketplace. They are operating to maximize product but also ... emphasizing public health and safety."

At Green Dot Labs in Boulder, CEO Alana Malone estimated the company grows about 1,600 of its allotted 1,800 plants that are used to produce cannabis oil products. □

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## 84-year-old woman sues Arizona police citing excessive force

By ANITA SNOW

**PHOENIX (AP)** — A woman who says she was seriously injured by police officers from an Arizona department under investigation for complaints of excessive force filed a lawsuit Thursday against two officers and the agency.

Virginia Archer alleges in the suit filed in federal court that she was unlawfully arrested and subjected to "excessive, brutal and completely unnecessary force" by Mesa police officers who went to her home last February checking on her grandson's safety. The complaint names Officers Christopher Orr and David Grimm, as well as the department and seeks unspecified punitive and compensatory damages. Media relations Officer Steve Berry said the department could not comment because the case involves pending litigation, and said the officers would not be made available for comment.

The individual officers could not be immediately located separately for comment and the Fraternal Order of the Police Lodge 9 that represents Mesa officers did not immediately respond to a message seeking a response via its web page.

Officer Nikolas Rasheta, another department spokesman, said the internal investigation of the encounter remains open and is nearing conclusion.

Archer's family complained that the 84-year-old woman was left with severe bruises after the encounter that began when Mesa police answered a call

about a suicidal man with a gun. Photographs that her granddaughter Ashlee Hahn took of her bruised face and arms subsequently were posted on the internet.

Police at the time said the woman was injured when they were trying to keep her safe from the man and launched an internal inquiry.

Archer said Wednesday night that she was sick in bed when the officers came to check on her grandson and insisted that she come outside because they believed there was a gun inside the home. The lawsuit does not indicate whether the grandson was charged with anything, but it says Orr cited Archer for obstruction of justice, a charge a prosecutor later dismissed.

A police department statement issued days after the encounter said the man was taken away for an evaluation.

Archer said it was raining when she walked outside in her pajamas to talk with the officers, and one grabbed her arm and threw her to the ground. She said she was also unnecessarily handcuffed.

"No one has ever hurt me as bad as he did," Archer said. "It just makes you so afraid that you don't want to open your front door or ever call the police again." The lawsuit alleges that Orr harmed Archer and Grimm failed to intervene. It says the officers later attempted to justify their actions by contending the woman was being combative and not following directions. It says the department took

no action against the officers.

The original police statement about the incident said the woman had seemed confused and "in order to keep her out of harm's way, a use of force incident occurred with the female, who was injured." It

added she was transported to a hospital.

The Mesa Police Department has been under scrutiny in recent months for a pair of videotaped encounters involving its officers. Results of that investigation have not been announced. □



This February 2018 photo released by Ashlee Hahn shows injuries to Hahn's grandmother Virginia Archer.

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# Pope rules out death penalty in change to church teaching

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Pope Francis has decreed that the death penalty is "inadmissible" under all circumstances and the Catholic Church should campaign to abolish it, a change in church teaching that could influence Catholic politicians and judges in the U.S. and across the globe.

The change, announced Thursday, was hailed by anti-death penalty activists and scorned by Francis' frequent conservative critics, who said he had no right to change what Scripture revealed and popes have taught for centuries.

The Vatican said that Francis had amended the Catechism of the Catholic Church — the compilation of official Catholic teaching — to say that capital punishment can never be sanctioned because it constitutes an "attack" on the dignity of human beings.

Previously, the catechism said the church didn't exclude recourse to capital punishment "if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor." Past popes have upheld that position, though St. John Paul II began urging an end to the practice and stressed that the guilty were just as deserving of dignity as innocents.

The new teaching says the previous policy is outdated because there are new ways to protect the common good, and the church should instead commit itself to working to end capital punishment.

"Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme means of safeguarding the common good," reads the new text.

Today "there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes," it said, adding that society now has effective ways to



In this file photo dated Tuesday, July 31, 2018, Pope Francis prays during an audience in St. Peter's square at the Vatican.

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detain prisoners so they aren't a threat and even provide the possibility of rehabilitation.

"Consequently, the church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide," reads the new text, which was approved in May but only published Thursday.

The death penalty has been abolished in most of Europe and South America, but it is still in use in the United States and in countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. This week Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said the death penalty could soon be reinstated in Turkey, where it was abolished in 2004 as part of its bid to join the European Union.

Within hours of Thursday's announcement, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo vowed to introduce legislation to remove the death penalty from New York state law.

Francis' new teaching is also likely to feature in the confirmation process for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, a church-going Catholic who, if confirmed, would join four other Catholic justices on the bench.

One of their former Catholic members, the late

Justice Antonin Scalia, famously said that he didn't find the death penalty immoral, and that any judge who did should resign.

Sister Helen Prejean, the anti-death penalty campaigner whose ministry to a death row inmate inspired the book and film, "Dead Man Walking," said the pope's new teaching would be more acutely felt in an upcoming planned execution in Nebraska under Gov. Pete Ricketts, who Prejean called "a pro-life Catholic."

"If we say we are for dignity of all life, that includes innocent and guilty as well," she said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

She said she was "high as a kite" over Francis' decision to close what she said were loopholes in previous church teaching that failed to recognize that when a prisoner is strapped to a gurney, he is rendered completely defenseless before his executioner.

"We can't claim anymore that's the only way you can defend society," she said.

Francis has long denounced the death penalty and even opposes life sentences, which he has called "hidden" death sentences.

He has also made prison ministry a mainstay of his vocation, and on nearly every foreign trip he visits inmates to offer words

of solidarity and hope. He remains in touch with a group of Argentine inmates he ministered to during his years as archbishop of Buenos Aires.

In an accompanying letter explaining the change, the head of the Vatican's doctrine office, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, said the pope wasn't contradicting prior church teaching on capital punishment but was "re-formulating" it to express "an authentic development of doctrine."

The Rev. Robert Gahl, a moral theologian at Rome's Pontifical Holy Cross University, agreed.

"With this new text the pope is not rejecting past teaching regarding the death penalty. He's not referring to the inherent morality or immorality of it, but to political expedience within new circumstances to emphasize the possibility of redemption for all, including the most guilty," he said.

In addition to Sister Prejean, other Catholic organizations are active in the anti-death penalty campaign, including the Sant'Egidio Community, which together with Italian authorities always lights up Rome's Colosseum whenever a country abolishes capital punishment.

In a statement Thursday, Sant'Egidio said the change served "as another push to the church and Catholics, based on the

Gospel, to respect the sacredness of human life and to work at all levels and on every continent to abolish this inhuman practice."

It was precisely Francis' citation of the Gospel, however, that sparked criticism from some on the Catholic right, who cited Scripture in arguing that Francis had no authority to change what previous popes taught.

"He is in open violation of the authority recognized to him. And no Catholic has any obligation of obedience to abuse of authority," tweeted the traditionalist blog Rorate Caeli.

Some on social media questioned the timing of the announcement, given that the Vatican and the Catholic Church are under extraordinary fire over clerical sex abuse and how bishops around the world covered it up for decades. The U.S. church, in particular, is reeling from accusations that one of the most prominent U.S. cardinals, Theodore McCarrick, allegedly abused minors as well as adult seminarians.

"Coming in the midst of the sex abuse revelations, the timing is curious... and more fury is not what the Church needs at this moment," noted Raymond Arroyo, host of the Catholic broadcaster EWTN.

Francis announced his intention to change church teaching on capital punishment in October, when he marked the 25th anniversary of the catechism itself. First promulgated by St. John Paul II, it gave Catholics an easy, go-to guide for church teaching on everything from the sacraments to sex.

Amnesty International, which has long campaigned for a worldwide ban on the death penalty, welcomed the development as an "important step forward."

"Already in the past, the church had expressed its aversion to the death penalty, but with words that did not exclude ambiguities," said Riccardo Noury, Amnesty Italia spokesman. "Today they are saying it in an even clearer way." □



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## Thousands march in Jerusalem Gay Pride amid surrogacy uproar

By CARON CREIGHTON

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Over 15,000 people marched in the Gay Pride Parade through Jerusalem on Thursday, partying in the shadow of a recently passed surrogacy law that excludes homosexual fathers and outraged the gay community.

Waving rainbow flags emblazoned with the Star of David and blasting music, throngs of people marched through the streets of central Jerusalem amid tight police security. Same-sex couples held hands, others held signs reading "proud to be equal" and "I want to be a father."

A few dozen people demonstrated against the parade. Some held signs reading "Israel is the holy land not the homo land." Several protesters scuffled with police and officers made four arrests, police said.



Participants wave LGBT pride rainbow flags during annual Gay Pride parade in Jerusalem, Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018.

Associated Press

Festivities mixed with anger this year after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last month pledged to

pass legislation supporting surrogacy for gay fathers, but then voted against it, apparently under pressure

from ultra-Orthodox Jewish coalition partners.

Some marchers at the parade Thursday chanted slo-

gans calling Netanyahu a "homophobe."

Israeli LGBT advocates and their supporters went on strike across the country about two weeks ago in protest of the legislation. The protest generated widespread support and hundreds of employers said they allowed employees to observe the strike without penalty. It also grew into a general call for equality, following other recent controversial legislation that appeared to target Israeli liberalism. "I'm here because I'm an LGBT that lives in the state of Israel," Omer Yehoshua, wearing red lipstick and carrying a rainbow flag, said. "I want my rights to be equal to those of a straight person who lives in this country, so that in the future I can, if I'm with a partner, get married and register as parents, to bring children to the world, that our rights be equal." □



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## Who's my father? Australia law ID's once-secret sperm donors

By KRISTEN GELINEAU  
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— For Peter Peacock, fate arrived in the form of a registered letter.

The letter looked to be a bit of a letdown. Peacock had gone to the post office expecting an aviator jacket he'd ordered online. The Australian grandfather tore the envelope open as he walked to his car — at which point he stopped dead in his tracks.

"Dear Mr Peacock," the letter began. "The Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority (VARTA) has received an enquiry of a personal nature which may or may not relate to you. The matter concerns a record held in relation to a project you may have assisted with at Prince Henry's Institute."

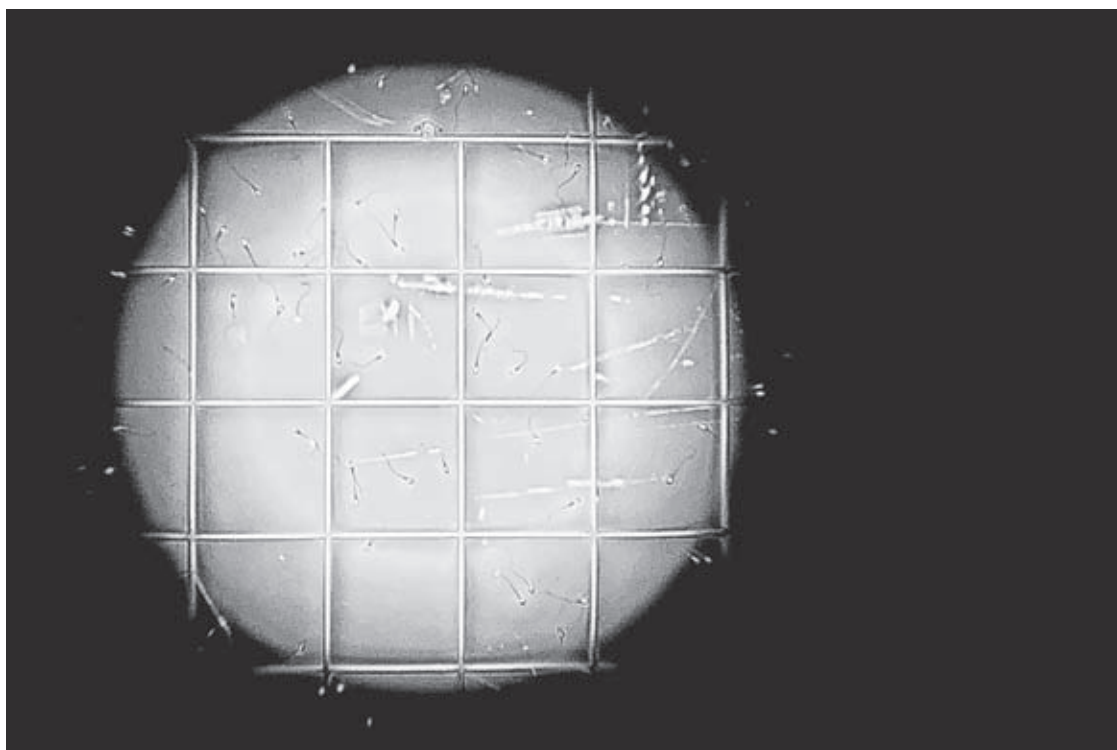
Prince Henry's? The Melbourne clinic where he'd donated sperm nearly 40 years ago?

There could be only one reason for such a letter, he thought. Someone out there had come to life through his donation.

His mind raced. How could this person even know who he was? He had been promised his donation would be anonymous.

And for decades it was, until a new law in one Australian state gave the offspring of sperm and egg donors the legal right to know who they are, despite promises of anonymity.

Which is why a week after receiving that letter, Peacock found himself staring at a photograph of a



In this Tuesday, May 15, 2018, photo, a sperm sample is seen through a microscope in a laboratory at Melbourne IVF in Melbourne, Australia.

woman named Gypsy Diamond, whose face looked so much like his own that he felt an instant and overwhelming connection.

"God almighty, I looked at it and I thought — 'Bloody hell. I can't deny that girl,'" he says. "She was my child from the start."

Behind Victoria state's donor identity law, which took effect in 2017, was a quest for the truth by people whose lives began in a lab. In its early days, the sperm and egg donation industry was swathed in secrecy, leaving some children desperate to complete the puzzle of their identity. They also wanted to know their family medical histories.

Some countries, including Australia, have now banned anonymous donation.

But Victoria is only the second jurisdiction in the world to impose a law retroactively stripping away anonymity without the donor's consent. Switzerland was the first to do so in 2001, but many donor records were destroyed.

Under the law, donors do have the right to demand that their offspring not contact them. Anyone who violates a contact veto can be fined 7,900 Australian dollars (\$6,000).

Ian Morrison, one of Victoria's 2,000-or-so donors who were assured anonymity, is angered by the law, and worries that the people seeking their donors haven't considered the feelings of those who raised them.

"If they're expecting to get two big happy families,

that ain't going to happen," he says.

Gypsy Diamond's quest to find her donor began when she was 21, after her mother abruptly told her that her dad was not her biological father.

For years, the curiosity about her heritage gnawed at her, but little information was available.

One day in April 2017, her phone rang. It was Kate Bourne, a counselor at VARTA.

"Are you sitting down?" Bourne asked. "I've just got off the phone to your donor."

Peacock, a long-divorced 68-year-old, had no idea whether contact with Diamond would alter his peaceful life.

He had become a donor in a bid to help others

have the child they'd always wanted. He donated around eight times, received \$10 a sample, and used the money to buy a new set of power tools.

"I gave because I thought I was going to do some good somewhere," Peacock says. "The drill was a bonus."

He was curious, so he agreed to an e-mail correspondence with Diamond. Bourne called Diamond to deliver the news. Diamond quickly found Peacock's Facebook profile. Her heart raced. She had never seen anyone who looked so much like her. She sent an email and two photos of herself.

Peacock, too, was stunned by their similarities. Both love Shiraz and antipasto, cheer for the same football team, and share a cheeky sense of humor.

"I can see so much of yourself in me... especially the eyes," Diamond wrote. "I've never felt anything like it." He asked her if Gypsy Diamond was her real name. She assured him it was.

"If I was going to make one up to contact my donor," she wrote, "I probably wouldn't choose one that sounded like a porn star." Both worried about how the news would affect their families. Peacock's older daughter eventually struck up a friendly correspondence with Diamond, but the younger one was unsettled by the emergence of Diamond, 36. "I'm not the youngest anymore," she told Peacock. □

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## Russia: UN peacekeepers back on Golan Heights-Syria frontier

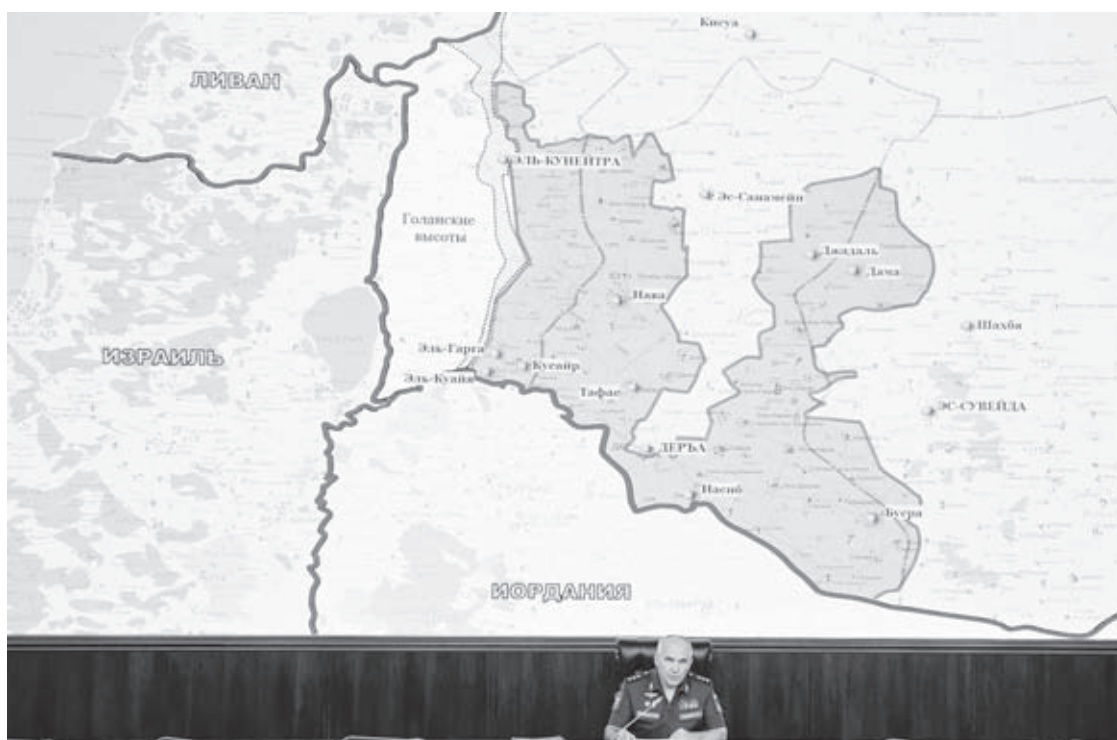
By SARAH EL DEEB  
MARIA DANILOVA

Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — U.N. peacekeepers returned Thursday for the first time in years to the frontier between Syria and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, conducting joint patrols with Russian military police in a reflection of Moscow's deepening role in mediating between the decades-old foes in the volatile region.

Israel has increasingly sought Russia's involvement in securing its frontier with Syria and in scaling back Iran's influence in the area. Moscow, Damascus's weightiest ally, has in turn sought coordination with Israel as a bridge with Washington in dealing with Syria's complex war.

Israel considers Iran's growing influence in Syria — it has advisers and allied militias fighting alongside Syrian troops— as an existential threat and had looked for guarantees from Moscow to push pro-Iran fighters away from its frontiers. Col. Gen. Sergei Rudskoy of the Russian General Staff said conditions have been created for the resumption of U.N. peacekeeping patrols along the area separating Syria and Israel. The U.N. peacekeeping forces first deployed along the frontier in 1974 following an agreement to separate Syrian and Israeli forces after Israel occupied the Golan Heights in the 1967 war.



Col.-Gen. Sergei Rudskoy of the Russian Military General Staff speaks to the media as a screen shows the map of Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon including Israeli-occupied Golan Heights in Syria in Moscow, Russia.

Associated Press

Rudskoy said Russian military police have accompanied the peacekeepers on patrols, adding that eight Russian-manned observation points opposite the U.N. points will be set up "to rule out possible provocations."

When the situation stabilizes, Rudskoy said, the Russian-manned posts would be handed over to Syrian government forces.

Israel acknowledged a return to normalcy along the frontier.

Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said the situation on the Syrian side of the boundary had returned to its pre-2011

state after Syrian government forces, supported by Russia's military, regained control of the region from armed opposition that controlled since 2014.

Lieberman said Israel will have "no cause to intervene or operate in Syrian territory" if Damascus respects the 1974 disengagement agreement between the two sides — and as long as Syria doesn't become a staging ground for Iranian forces to attack Israel or transfer arms to Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The area, peaceful for decades since the agreement, became a fighting ground at the height of the

Syrian civil war, finally pushing the U.N. peacekeeping force out in 2014 after al-Qaida militants kidnapped 45 U.N. peacekeepers. They were released two weeks later.

The area had become particularly volatile in recent weeks amid a Syrian government offensive to retake territories controlled by the opposition adjacent to the frontier. Israel has also upped its strikes against suspected Iranian targets inside Syria.

A day before the joint Russia-U.N. patrols, Russia announced it reached an agreement with Israel to keep pro-Iranian fighters 85 kilometers (53 miles) from the volatile frontier. □

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## Colombia lends hand to Venezuelan refugees; Maduro on trial

By CESAR GARCIA  
MANUEL RUEDA

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** —

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos on Thursday granted 440,000 refugees from crisis-stricken Venezuela two years of help, while urging leaders in the neighboring country to stem the spreading humanitarian crisis.

Santos, who leaves office Tuesday, gave the refugees temporary residency permits, allowing them to study, work and get medical care that many need after arriving with untreated ailments.

"The whole world is increasingly terrified of what is happening in Venezuela," Santos said, speaking from the presidential palace.

Tensions are high between Colombia and Venezuela, a once-wealthy oil nation in the grips of a five-year crisis under President Nicolas Maduro's socialist government. Venezuelans



In this June 25, 2018 file photo, Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos speaks during an interview at the presidential palace in Bogota, Colombia.

Associated Press

struggle to afford scarce food and medicine under soaring inflation — driving masses across borders.

Santos condemned Mad-

uro for the crisis, saying it burdens neighboring countries like Colombia. He said more than 1 million Venezuelans have fled into Colom-

bia in the last 18 months.

Santos urged Maduro to allow international humanitarian relief for easing suffering in Venezuela

and slowing the flow of migrants.

Maduro has refused international help, either denying a crisis in Venezuela exists or saying it would allow in imperialist invaders from the United States and its allies, such as Colombia.

While critical of Maduro, Santos said his country is willing to help those suffering. "They are Colombians returning to the country," Santos said. "They are Venezuelans. They are Colombian-Venezuelan families, and they're returning in precarious conditions."

Meanwhile, self-exiled Venezuelan judges in Bogota opened a largely symbolic trial against Maduro, despite his absence.

Former Venezuelan chief prosecutor Luisa Ortega, who is leading the case, accused Maduro of taking \$35 million from the Brazilian construction firm Odebrecht for his 2013 presidential campaign. □

## Puerto Rico company fined \$3M in raw sewage discharge case

Associated Press

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** —

A development company in Puerto Rico has been fined \$3 million for discharging more than 29 mil-

lion gallons of raw sewage into a storm water system.

A judge on Thursday also ordered Mora Development Corporation to make restitution to a family whose

children officials say were affected. A former project manager previously pled guilty in the case. The company was accused of discharging raw sewage from

a residential development in the northern town of Toa Alta in 2012 and 2013 without a permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Officials said the

sewage made its way into a river that serves some 80,000 people in the U.S. territory. Company officials could not be immediately reached for comment. □

## Big Brazil party makes 1st presidential bid in 24 years

By MAURICIO SAVARESE

Associated Press

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — The party of outgoing and unpopular Brazilian President Michel Temer picked its own presidential candidate Thursday for the first time in 24 years.

The Brazilian Democratic Movement announced that 72-year-old former Finance Minister Henrique Meirelles would be its candidate for the October election.

The large, centrist party has a history of not having its own presidential candidate so that it can easily form coalitions with other parties, playing kingmaker. Temer was elected vice president under Workers' Party candidate Dilma



In this April 3, 2018 file photo, Brazil's President Michel Temer greets then Finance Minister Henrique Meirelles, during a Brazilian Democratic Movement political party ceremony in Brasilia, Brazil.

Associated Press

Rousseff, who was impeached in 2016. The party has supported all previous administrations since the 1989 election.

Datafolha institute's June poll shows Meirelles with minimal support among voters and Temer as the most unpopular president

in Brazil's history, with an affordability rating topping 80 percent.

Under Meirelles, Brazil's economy dipped 3.6 percent in 2016, grew only 1 percent last year and is bound for a similar result in 2018, despite his early predictions of a 3 percent jump.

Meirelles was also central bank governor between 2003 and 2010 in the two terms of former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, at a time Brazil's economy was booming.

Da Silva leads polls with more than 30 percent support, but electoral officials are likely to bar him from running due to a corruption conviction.

At least five other candi-

dates lead Meirelles in most polls, but that didn't stop Temer from being optimistic about his party's pick.

"If we managed to do all this in two years, imagine what Meirelles can do in four years, maybe eight years," Brazil's president said.

In 1994, when the Movement had its last candidate for president, former Sao Paulo Gov. Orestes Quercia finished fourth, with less than 5 percent of the vote. The party governs more than 1,000 cities, seven states and has the most seats in the Senate, with 18. It's the second party in Brazil's lower house, with 50 deputies.

Meirelles has not picked a running mate yet. □



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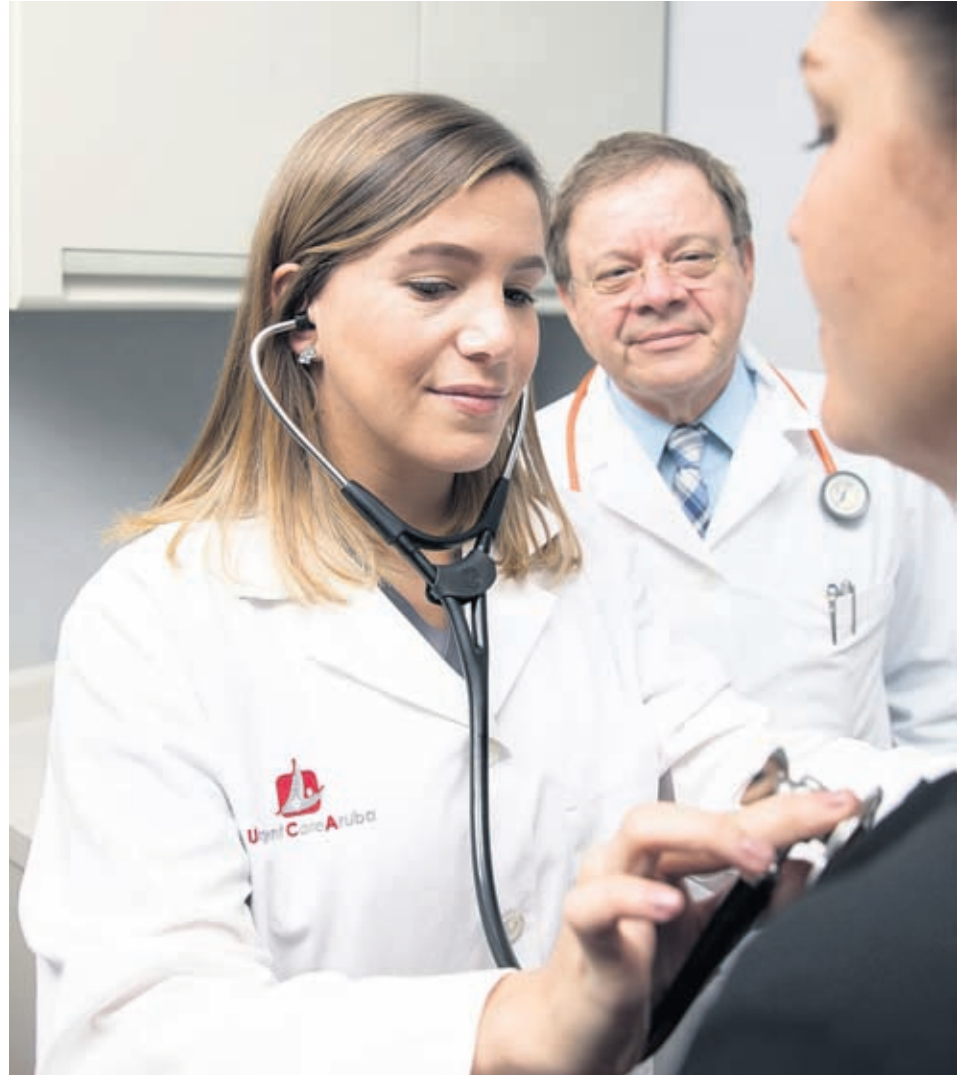
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that the cd consists of both English and Spanish songs. John De Freitas has a sonorous lyric baritone voice.

Several talented international and national musicians have contributed to the songs. 'I have been

blessed in working with three talented arrangers', he says. The main arranger on the cd is a well-known Dominican musician that has worked with renowned international Dominican gospel singers, like Tercer Cielo, Lilly Goodman, and Nancy Amancio to name just a few. A lot of positive energy has been devoted to the songs and therefore I hope that the public will like the nice melodies and meaningful and positive lyrics.

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John De Freitas was born and raised on ARUBA. After finishing his secondary school on the island, he went to Holland to study Biology and returned to Aruba after his studies. He has also academic degrees in Business Administration and Civil Law. At present he works as a researcher at an ecological research institute on sister island Curaçao.

Besides Gospel songs, John also writes love songs and ballads. In June this year he wrote and released the song 'Mama héroe', a song for Mother's Day in Papiamentu (the native language of the island). The song is a Mexican ranchera and made quite an impact on the local radio stations because of the lyrics and melody. Its videoclip can be seen on John's you tube channel (search for: 'John de Freitas You tube').

This week he also added to that channel a videoclip made in the Dominican Republic for his well-liked reggae song 'Walk in love'. 'This year I want to focus on writing beautiful songs he states during the interview and he has already several proofs of that. His most recent release is e.g. a love song in Papiamentu that has as title 'Mi amor' (My love). This song was arranged by a conservatory pianist. John is at present working on several other songs in different languages (English, Dutch and Spanish). John can be contacted at: [gospelsong-sandlyrics@gmail.com](mailto:gospelsong-sandlyrics@gmail.com). □





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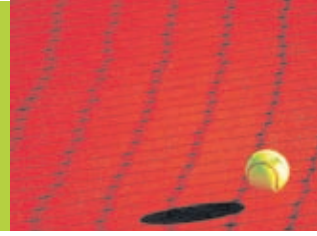
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# SPORTS



In this Jan. 23, 2005, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens celebrates with the NFC Championship trophy after the Eagles defeated the Atlanta Falcons 27-10 in Philadelphia.

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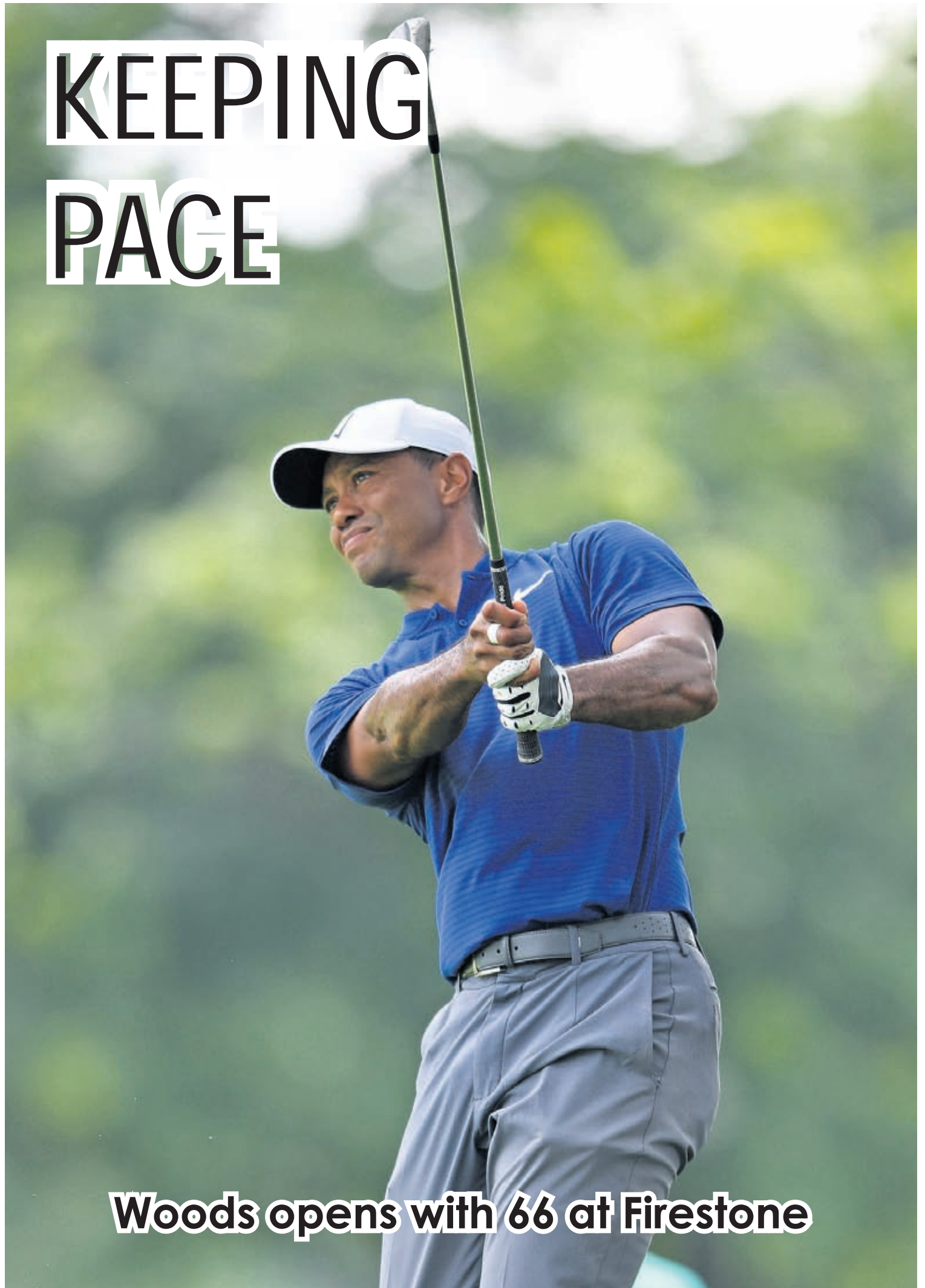
## T.O. being T.O. in snub to Hall of Fame

By **TIM DAHLBERG**

Terrell Owens should have had a better excuse for blowing off his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. You know, like maybe he was going bowling. That, at least, might have been understood in the tiny universe of T.O., the one the former wide receiver lives in and no one else seems to penetrate. Owens was so into bowling after his football career was over that he tried to go pro, only to be undone by slippery lane conditions. Owens was a lot more successful in football, where his numbers were so good he arguably — and Owens argues this most — should have been inducted in Canton in his first year of eligibility. It wasn't until his third year that Owens was voted in, part of a class that includes, among others, Jerry Kramer, Ray Lewis and fellow wide receiver Randy Moss.

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## Woods opens with 66 at Firestone

Tiger Woods follows his approach shot on the ninth hole during the first round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club, Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018 in Akron, Ohio.

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# Murray edges Edmund at Citi Open; Zverev brothers to meet

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Andy Murray is showing signs of returning to his old form, right down to the return winner he delivered on the last point of his first victory over a top-20 player in more than a year.

Murray took a more aggressive approach as he works his way back from hip surgery and moved into the third round at the Citi Open by beating No. 4 seed Kyle Edmund 7-6 (4), 1-6, 6-4 on Wednesday.

Murray is a three-time major champion and former No. 1 who was sidelined for 11 months because of his right hip. He missed the second half of 2017, had an operation in January, then returned to the tour briefly in June. One of his three matches that month was a loss on a grass court to Edmund, the Australian Open semifinalist who has supplanted Murray as Britain's highest-ranked man.

When they played last time, Murray, said, "Any time Kyle was dictating the points, I wasn't tracking enough balls down. I felt a bit slow to the balls. Today, I was able to defend and dig up a few more shots and that made a big difference."

There is still work to be done by Murray, of course. He is ranked 832nd, has played only five matches in 12 months, and needed three sets for each of his victories in Washington's hard-court tuneup for the U.S. Open.

Unlike in his opening match Monday, when he felt he was too defensive, Murray made a point of attacking more against Edmund.

"Regardless of the result, we wanted to at least be dictating more points, trying to use my forehand, be close to the baseline," he said. "And I think I did that, especially in some of the important moments in the third set."

He got the measure of Edmund's serves late, earning two break points at 4-3. Another arrived at 5-4, thanks to a defensive lob that drew a long overhead from Edmund, followed by a double-fault. That brought match point, and Murray pounded a cross-court backhand winner off an 83 mph second serve, then let out a loud yell.

Also moving into the third round was No. 1 seed and defending champion Alexander Zverev, and his next matchup is a rare one: On Thursday, he'll face his older brother, No. 15 seed Mischa. It's their first meeting in an ATP main-draw match. "It's a special day, because not a lot of families can say two brothers played against each other on a such a high level, in one of the biggest tournaments in the world," said Alexander, who finished off a rain-interrupted 6-2, 6-1 win against Malek Jaziri. "Obviously, we both want to win. We won't give each other anything." The German siblings, who



Andy Murray, of Britain, returns the ball against Kyle Edmund, of Britain, during the Citi Open tennis tournament Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, in Washington.

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were taught tennis by their father, paired up Wednesday night as a doubles team until that match was suspended by a storm that washed out play for the day. Seeded players exiting the draw included No. 5 Nick Kyrgios, who withdrew with a hip injury, along with No. 12 Karen Khachanov and No. 14 Jeremy Chardy, who both lost. No. 3 David Goffin beat Pierre-Hugues Herbert 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (5); No. 7 Kei Nishikori eliminated Donald Young 6-3, 6-4; No. 9 Denis Shapovalov defeated Daniil Medvedev 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; and No. 10 Stefanos Tsitsipas beat Jared Donaldson 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

No. 2 John Isner's match against Noah Rubin at night never got started because of the rain.

In the women's field, reigning U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens continued her tendency for all-or-nothing showings at tournaments, losing 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the second round to 91st-ranked Andrea Petkovic. Stephens was seeded No. 2 at a tournament she won in 2015 for her first WTA title. Now she'll want to get her game going in the right direction before she begins the defense of her first Grand Slam title on Aug. 27.

"Hopefully," Stephens said,

"some things connect in the next couple of weeks."

Her best results this season were a runner-up finish at the French Open and a title at the Miami Open. But take away those tournaments, and the American is 10-11 in 2018, including first-round exits at Wimbledon last month and the Australian Open in January.

Against Petkovic, Stephens put only 59 percent of her first serves in play and was broken four times.

Stephens' loss leaves the Citi Open women's draw without either of its top two seeds; No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki withdrew Tuesday because of a leg injury. □



The Netherlands' Lidewij Welten, second left, celebrates scoring her side's first goal during the Women's Hockey World Cup quarterfinal match between the Netherlands and England at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in London, Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018.

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## Netherlands knock England out of women's field hockey WCup

**LONDON (AP)** — Defending champions the Netherlands beat host England 2-0 Thursday to advance to the semifinals at the women's field hockey World Cup.

Danny Kerry's England side was outclassed by the tournament favorites in London, with Lidewij Welten and Laurien Leurink scoring the goals in a one-sided quarterfinal.

The Netherlands face Australia in the last four on Sat-

urday, while Ireland, which beat India in Thursday's other quarterfinal, plays Spain. The Dutch had 11 shots — and England none — in the first half and went ahead at the Lee Valley Hockey Center with just over a minute of the first period remaining.

Welten claimed the goal with a first-time finish through the legs of goalkeeper Maddie Hinch at the end of a flowing team move. England could have

fallen behind earlier when Caia van Maasakker hit the crossbar from a penalty corner, before Hinch denied the rebound.

Suzy Petty then hacked off the line following a goal scramble to prevent England falling behind in the second quarter.

The seven-time world champions were not to be denied for long and duly doubled their advantage in the opening stages of the second half. □



# Poulter leads at 62, with Woods 4 behind at Firestone

By DOUG FERGUSON

**AKRON, Ohio (AP)** — Ian Poulter was annoyed upon realizing he had never finished better than 13th at Firestone, so he took a step toward doing something about it Thursday with an 8-under 62 and a one-shot lead in the Bridgestone Invitational.

Tiger Woods found himself fighting his swing. He settled for a 66.

Such was the difference of two players with vastly different memories on the stout South course at Firestone.

Woods is an eight-time winner, already a PGA Tour record for most victories on one course. Back at this World Golf Championship for the first time in four years, he made a 50-foot birdie putt and two other long putts to offset some average iron play.

It was his best opening round of the year, and he needed it just to keep pace with everyone else on a soft and vulnerable course that led to 45 players in the 71-man field breaking par. The average score was 68.37, the lowest for the opening round at Firestone since it became a WGC in 1999 and the lowest for the first round of any PGA Tour event this season.

"I didn't quite hit it as well as I wanted to," Woods said. "But I fought out a score today, which was good." Poulter is playing Firestone for the 14th time, and he came across a sheet showing his yearly results. At least he hasn't missed the cut, mainly because there is no cut at these tournaments. He tied for 13th his first year, 10 shots behind. It never got any better.

"Yeah, it fires me up," Poulter said after saving par from a bunker on his last hole for a bogey-free round. "It's frustrating to look at. I actually thought I had a better finish than that, so it really annoyed me. ... I wrote them all down, they were that bad. I was like, 'Seriously, how can you play a good golf course this many times and not really have a result?' So

not to even finish in the top 10 is pretty poor."

It's just a start, but it was a good one.

His 62 matched the lowest first-round score at Firestone, first set by Adam Scott in 2011, and it was one off the course record for any round.

Rickie Fowler and Kyle Stanley each had a 63, while Jon Rahm, Si Woo Kim and Patrick Cantlay were another shot behind. Seven players were in the group at 65, which included Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas and Jason Day.

Poulter missed a 10-foot putt on No. 8, his second-to-last hole. He was in no mood to quibble.

"If you would have offered me this at the start of the day, I would have snapped your arm for it," he said.

"Yeah, we can be greedy and say I'd love to have holed that putt on 8 to have tied the record. But 8 under par's a pretty decent round for me around this golf course."

Woods seems to put together decent scores even when he feels his game is slightly off.

"It's nice to shoot rounds like I did at the Open and like I did today, put together rounds where I may not feel the best, but I'm able to post a score," Woods said. "That's how you win golf tournaments. You're not going to have your best all four days, and it's a matter of that bad day being 2-, 3-under par instead of being 2-, 3-over par. And then everyone has their hot days."

Woods is coming off a tie for sixth at the British Open, where he had the lead for about 30 minutes in the middle of the final round until he fell back with a double bogey. He took a vacation in Switzerland and showed up at Firestone for nine holes of practice on Wednesday.

But he knows this course as well as anyone.

"I've had so many great memories here," Woods said. "Hopefully, I can have one more."

This is the final year for the World Golf Championship



Ian Poulter, from England, hits to the eighth green during the first round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club, Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, in Akron, Ohio.

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at Firestone. It moves to Memphis, Tennessee, next year.

McIlroy played in the group ahead of Woods and struggled to get the ball in play over the first half of his round. He figured it out, which he had to on a day like this.

"You can't find this golf

course any easier than we had it today," McIlroy said. "It's soft. It's probably the softest I've ever seen it. ... So you needed to take advantage of the conditions today. It looked like most of the guys have done that, which is good." Not all of them.

Jordan Spieth was 3 over

through 14 holes until two late birdies allowed him to salvage a 71. Dustin Johnson, the world's No. 1 player coming off his third victory this year at the Canadian Open last week, could only manage a 69. In his first start since winning the British Open, Francesco Molinari had a 70. □

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# Hamels solid in debut as Cubs throttle Pirates 9-2

**By The Associated Press**  
**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Cole Hamels had little trouble in his return to the National League, keeping Pittsburgh in check over five innings to lead Chicago. Hamels (6-9), acquired in a trade with Texas last week, gave up one unearned run on three hits. The four-time All-Star struck out nine and walked two to pick up his first win for a National League team in more than three years. Willson Contreras went 3 for 4 with a home run and three RBIs for the Cubs. Jason Heyward and Ben Zobrist had three hits apiece while Kyle Schwarber and Javy Baez each added two hits and an RBI for Chicago. The Cubs wasted little time jumping on Pittsburgh rookie Nick Kingham (5-6), touching him for four runs in the first inning to give Hamels plenty of breathing room. Kingham needed 51 pitches to get through the first and didn't come out for the second. NATIONALS 5, METS 3



Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Cole Hamels delivers in the fourth inning of the team's baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Tommy Milone worked seven strong innings to get his first win in more than a year, Anthony Rendon homered and Washington beat New York to move back above .500. The Nationals followed their 25-4 blowout of the Mets on

Tuesday night by jumping on Noah Syndergaard (6-2) early. Bryce Harper singled in the first inning to drive in Trea Turner, who had stolen second. In the third, Rendon got hold of a hanging curveball for his 16th homer this season, scoring Turner. Rendon has six RBIs in two

games since returning after the birth of his first child. Filling in for the injured Stephen Strasburg, Milone (1-0) mixed his pitches effectively and faced little stress in the second start of his second stint with Washington. Kelvin Herrera got the save after allowing Wilmer

Flores's ninth-inning homer. Jose Reyes homered from both sides of the plate for the Mets, his 11th career multihomer game and his first since Sept. 8. DODGERS 6, BREWERS 4, 10 INNINGS  
 LOS ANGELES (AP) — Yasmani Grandal hit a two-run homer — his second of the game — in the 10th inning, rallying the Dodgers past the Brewers to snap a three-game skid. The win was also highlighted by Brian Dozier's homer in his Dodgers' debut after arriving from Minnesota on Tuesday. All-Star Matt Kemp ended an 0-for-26 skid with a single leading off the inning against Matt Albers (3-3). Grandal followed with his 19th homer after the Dodgers had blown a 4-2 lead. The Brewers tied it 4-all in the eighth. Mike Moustakas doubled off reliever Scott Alexander, who gave up three walks — one intentional — before Manny Pina singled in Ryan Braun. Dylan Floro (4-2) got the win after retiring the side in the 10th. □



New York Mets' Yoenis Cespedes watches his team play the San Diego Padres during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 24, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

## Mets' Cespedes has first of 2 planned heel surgeries

**By LARRY FLEISHER**  
**Associated Press**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mets slugger Yoenis Cespedes had surgery on his right heel Thursday, the first of two procedures that will likely sideline him for eight to 10 months. Dr. Robert Anderson removed bone calcification in Cespedes' heel during the operation in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Assistant general manager John Ricco said Thursday that Cespedes will rest for eight to 12 weeks before getting surgery on his left heel. "The surgery went well as expected, so that was positive news," Ricco said. Ricco also said doctors want to make sure Cespedes has some mobility in the right leg before the second surgery. The 32-year-old outfielder

hit .262 with nine homers and 29 RBIs in 38 games this season. He missed over two months with what the Mets said was a strained right hip flexor and homered in his return from the disabled list July 20 against the Yankees. The return was brief as Cespedes stunned the Mets by saying he was considering surgery on both heels. He sat out the next game and was placed on the 10-day disabled list on July 24. Since the start of 2017 — the first season of his \$110 million, four-year contract — lower leg injuries have limited Cespedes to 119 games. The Mets have said they were aware Cespedes' heel issues when they acquired him from Detroit at the 2015 non-waiver deadline. □



## Gray chased in 3rd, Yankees flop in 7-5 loss to Orioles

By The Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sonny Gray was chased in the third inning by the team with worst record in the majors, big league-loss leader Alex Cobb ended a nine-start winless streak and the Baltimore Orioles beat the New York Yankees 7-5 on Wednesday.

Despite what appeared to be a midgame lecture in the dugout by third base coach Phil Nevin during a rain delay, New York (68-38) dropped 5 1/2 games behind Boston (75-34) heading into a four-game series at Fenway Park starting Thursday.

Gray (8-8) allowed seven runs, eight hits and two walks in 2 2/3 innings, raising his ERA to 5.56. He was booed as he walked off the mound and was replaced by Lance Lynn.

Cobb (3-14) had been 0-7 since winning at the New York Mets on June 5, losing his last five outings. He breezed against the Yankees with an early 7-1 lead, allowing one run and seven hits in six innings and stopping Baltimore's streak of 11 consecutive road losses.

Gleyber Torres homered twice for New York, a solo drive in the second and a three-run shot in the ninth.

**ASTROS 8, MARINERS 3**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Marwin Gonzalez hit two of Houston's four home runs, and the Astros knocked Seattle Mariners from the lead for the second wild card in the American League.

After a five-game losing streak, the Astros rebounded to win the final two games of the series. Houston has a five-game cushion over Seattle in the AL West and dropped the Mariners into a tie with surging Oakland for the second AL wild-card spot. Seattle led the A's by 11 games in the middle of June, but has seen the entire lead disappear over the past six weeks.

Gonzalez hit a solo home run off Wade LeBlanc (6-2) with two outs in the second inning and added a

two-run shot in the fourth. Jake Marisnick, recalled from the minors before the game, added a two-run shot off LeBlanc and Max Stassi greeted reliever Nick Vincent with a three-run homer in the fifth.

Dallas Keuchel (9-9) improved to 6-1 in his past nine starts, throwing seven innings.

**INDIANS 2, TWINS 0**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Carlos Carrasco struck out 10 in 7 1/3 innings, winning his fourth straight start since returning from the disabled list to carry Cleveland past Minnesota.

Brad Hand got the last five outs for his 26th save of the season and second for Cleveland. The Indians stretched their lead over the Twins in the AL Central to 10 games.

Carrasco (13-5), who missed three weeks with a bruised elbow before his reinstatement July 6, has 63 strikeouts in his last eight starts.

Matt Magill (2-2) was the loser.

**ATHLETICS 8, BLUE JAYS 3**

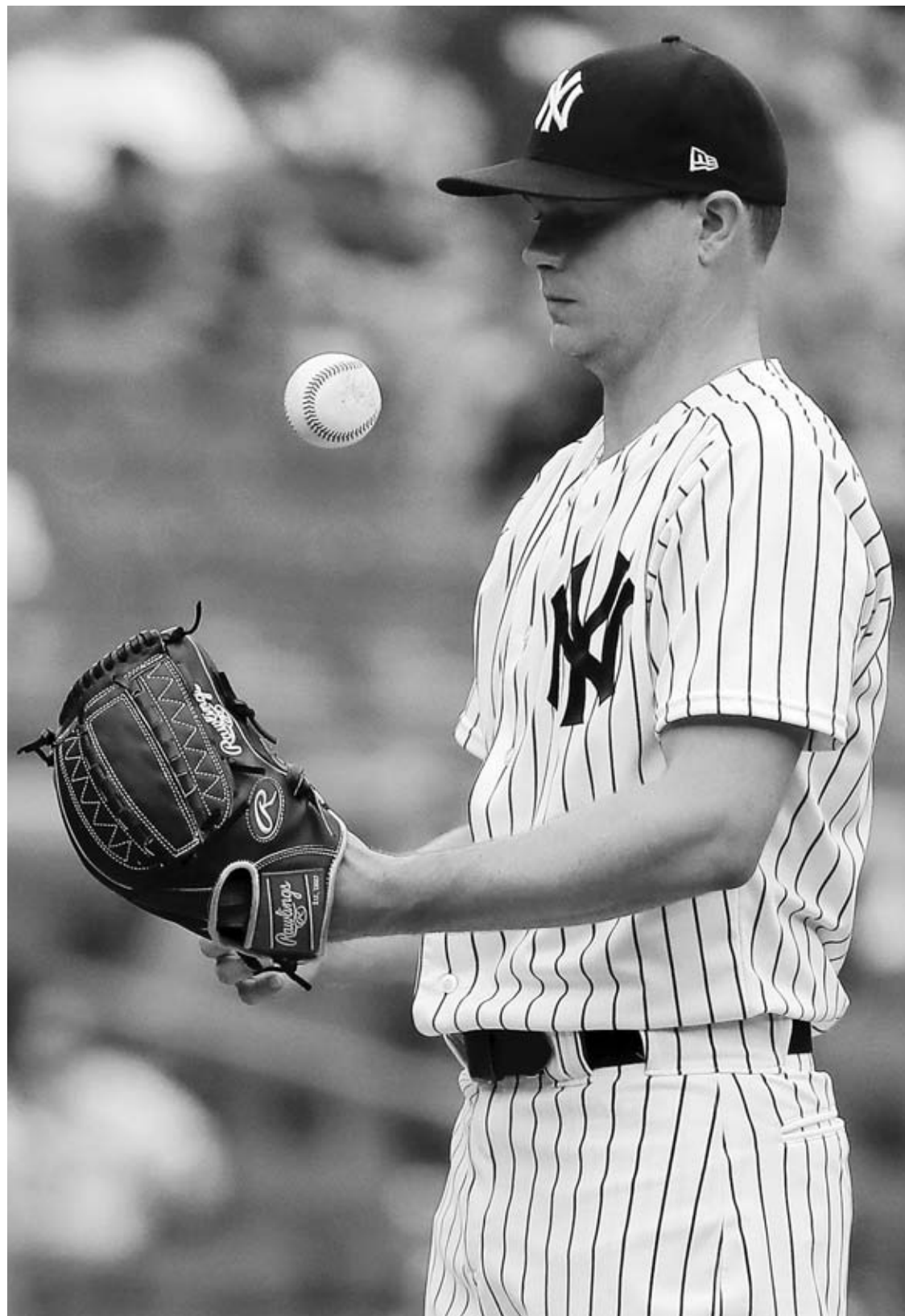
**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Sean Manaea pitched effectively into the seventh inning, Jonathan Lucroy drove in four runs and Oakland completed a season sweep of Toronto.

Manaea (10-7) allowed five hits, struck out five and walked two. The A's won all seven games between the two teams for their first season sweep of the Blue Jays. Franklin Barreto homered and had three RBIs for the Athletics. Lucroy added three hits.

Toronto starter Marcus Stroman (4-8) allowed seven runs and 11 hits in five innings. Russell Martin homered for the Blue Jays.

**TIGERS 7, REDS 4**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Jose Iglesias drove in three runs, Jim Adduci homered and Detroit survived the loss of pitcher Mike Fiers to an early injury to beat Cincinnati. Fiers left after the second with a bruised left shin, sustained on Mason Williams' comebacker. X-rays on



New York Yankees starting pitcher Sonny Gray flips the ball after giving up an RBI double to Baltimore Orioles' Renato Nunez during the second inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, in New York.

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Fiers' shin were negative, and it was unclear whether he will make his next scheduled start.

Drew VerHagen (2-2) followed as the first of six relievers and pitched three scoreless innings. Shane Greene worked the ninth for his 23rd save in 26 chances. Sal Romano (6-9) allowed four runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings.

**RAYS 7, ANGELS 2**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Willy Adames homered and drove in two on the day Tampa Bay gave him the regular shortstop job. Adames drove in a run with a two-out single off starter

Nick Tropeano (4-6) in the

fourth inning, then scored on Mallex Smith's triple. Adames led off the sixth with his fourth home run to make it 4-2.

Jake Bauers added a two-run homer in the ninth for the Rays, his ninth of the season and third in three games.

Jake Faria, pitching for the first time since going on the disabled list with a left oblique strain June 22, got the win in the third relief appearance of his career. Faria (4-3) gave up one run on four hits in 3 2/3 innings.

**ROYALS 10, WHITE SOX 5**  
**CHICAGO (AP)** — Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer and drove in four, helping

Kansas City pound sloppy Chicago.

Jakob Junis (6-11) pitched 5 2/3 innings of four-run ball in his first win since May 18. The 24-year-old right-hander was 0-8 with a 6.67 ERA in his previous 10 starts.

Chicago lost for the sixth time in seven games. Yoan Moncada broke out of a slump with his fifth career leadoff homer, two hits and two walks, but he also committed one of two costly errors for the White Sox.

Dylan Covey (4-7) was charged with seven runs, four earned, and five hits in 4 1/3 innings, dropping to 1-5 with an 8.89 ERA in his last six starts. □



# AP Source: Eric Reid among those working out Titans

By TERESA M. WALKER

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — The Tennessee Titans will be working out veteran safety Eric Reid in their search for a potential replacement after losing Johnathan Cyprien for the season with a torn left ACL, according to a person familiar with the visit.

Reid will work out for the Titans on Friday, a person familiar with Reid's visit told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team does not announce which players it is working out.

The Titans will become only the second NFL team to bring Reid in for a visit this year. Reid's visit with the Cincinnati Bengals ended with the safety filing a claim this spring arguing he was unsigned as a result of collusion by NFL owners over his protests of police brutality and racial inequality by kneeling during the anthem.

Coach Mike Vrabel said earlier Thursday that the Titans have looked at Reid. "I know we're in the process of talking and trying to



In this March 22, 2018, file photo, free agent safety Eric Reid watches his brother, Stanford's defensive back Justin Reid, during NFL Pro Day in Stanford, Calif.

Associated Press

bring him in," Vrabel said. "(GM) Jon (Robinson) and I will continue to discuss that and see where it goes. Yes, it's a guy we evaluated and we'll probably try to talk to his rep and see how many guys we can bring in here for a workout."

Reid, 26, has been out of work since playing out his contract with San Francisco. He started 69 of 70 games with 10 career interceptions.

The safety said in March that he does not plan to protest during the anthem

this season if signed by a team. After he filed his collusion claim, the NFL Players Association also filed a non-injury grievance on Reid's behalf in May. Cincinnati owner Mike Brown reportedly asked Reid during their visit whether he would continue to kneel during the anthem.

The Titans are looking for help at safety after losing Cyprien. The veteran left practice Wednesday after hurting his left knee during a noncontact play. He grabbed at his knee and then walked to the locker room with trainers, waiving off a cart. Cyprien, who signed a four-year deal last season, started 10 games after dealing with an injured hamstring.

Tennessee already has Kendrick Lewis, 30 and with his fourth NFL team, and Demontre Hurst among the other options at safety on the roster. Kenny Vaccaro, who played the last five seasons in New Orleans, and Mike Mitchell also are among veteran safeties currently unsigned.

"Devastated to tell you that after checking him out,

he tore his ACL and he'll be out for a year, which is tough for me as is a new head coach to watch guys work hard, extremely hard, in the offseason and care about the team and play hard and do everything that we've asked them to do and then not get a chance to experience the NFL season this year," Vrabel said.

Tennessee already has All-Pro Kevin Byard at the other safety spot, with Logan Ryan, Adoree Jackson and free agent signee Malcolm Butler at cornerback for a unit that has its sights set on being the NFL's best secondary. Ryan said at least the Titans have time to adjust.

"It tests our depth, but some of that's been well-documented that we feel like we have good depth so it's going to show it ...," Ryan said. "This didn't happen the day before the first game. It's giving us time to work out the kinks. They might move me around a little bit and allow me to do more things in the secondary if need be and get more of our guys on the field." □

## T.O. being T.O.

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They'll all be there, slipping on the gold jackets for the first time that signify they're the best of the best.

Owens probably will get his in the mail.

That's entirely on T.O., and it's not entirely surprising. His great numbers always came with great problems, and he's never been one to forget a slight, perceived or otherwise.

That's why he's still engaged in a mostly one-way feud with Donovan McNabb, 13 years after the Philadelphia Eagles lost the 2005 Super Bowl to New England and Owens famously said he "wasn't the guy who got tired" in the game.

It's also why he's spending the day he should be getting his gold jacket at a ceremony of his own at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he went to college.

Hard to say exactly, but it

seems T.O. is not happy with the way the media covered him over his 15-year career. He believes he got a bad rap as a bad teammate, and didn't get the credit for the things he did on the field for his teams.

And he's really not happy with being skipped over two years before finally being voted into the hall.

Just T.O. being T.O., a familiar scene to anyone who followed his career. Now Owens can claim a first that may hold a long time — the only living player of the 318 elected to the Hall of Fame who refused to attend his own induction.

"It wasn't like he had to wait that long," said Paul Domowitch of the Philadelphia Daily News, who championed Owens cause to his 47 fellow Hall of Fame voters. "A lot of people have waited a lot longer than three years."

Owens may not be there to get his jacket, but he'll still



In this Nov. 29, 2007, file photo, Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens (81) throws popcorn in his face after scoring in the second quarter against the Green Bay Packers in an NFL football game in Irving, Texas.

Associated Press

be a Hall of Famer. There will be a T.O. bust, and provisions have been made to send him a jacket.

But he won't be inducted individually like the others in his class in what should be one of the greatest moments of his life.

His call, yes. But if Owens is

trying to make a point, it's likely to get lost in the fuss being made over those actually in Canton for their inductions.

Then again, this is a player who held a bizarre press conference while working out in his driveway after being suspended for ar-

guing with Eagles coach Andy Reid prior to the 2005 season. Shirtless and doing sit-ups, Owens mostly answered "no comment" before exasperated writers asked him if he was trying to set a record for offering no comment.

"No comment," he said.

Wide receivers tend to be a strange breed, even if Owens took it to a new level. Moss, after all, once famously walked off the field with 2 seconds left in a game and his Minnesota Vikings lined up for an on-side kick attempt.

Moss will be in Canton on Saturday for his induction, and maybe Owens didn't want to share the stage with him. Unlike Owens, Moss got in in his first year of eligibility.

A look at the numbers makes the case for Owens, who had a great career playing in San Francisco, Philadelphia, Dallas, Buffalo and Cincinnati. □



## Juventus wins MLS All-Star Game on penalties after 1-1 draw

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Josef Martinez posed defiantly alongside the goal while pyrotechnics went off in front of the giddy Atlanta fans.

It was a familiar stance for the MLS scoring machine. In the end, the celebration belonged to Juventus.

The Italian powerhouse prevailed on penalty kicks in the MLS All-Star Game after the match ended in a 1-1 draw Wednesday night, a bit of a letdown for the massive crowd of 72,317.

At least the A-T-L got to see its hometown favorite do what he does best.

On pace for a record-shattering season, Martinez fittingly scored the lone goal for the MLS stars. "I feel very happy," Martinez said through a translator.

"It was a very important game, a very important moment."

Juventus scored on all five of its penalties, winning when Mattia De Sciglio drilled one into the upper left corner past Columbus goalkeeper Zack Steffen. The MLS scored on its first three penalties, but Bradley Wright-Phillips of New York Red Bulls left the door open in the fourth round when he yanked his attempt off the left post.

It was the second straight year that the All-Star Game



Juventus defender Mattia De Sciglio (2) kicks the winning shot in a shoot out against MLS All-Star goalkeeper Zack Steffen (18) during the MLS All-Star soccer match, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

ended in a 1-1 draw and was decided by penalties. In 2017, Real Madrid prevailed over the MLS squad 4-2 at Chicago's Soldier Field.

"It was really a wonderful game," Juventus manager Massimiliano Allegri said. "It was good preparation."

Indeed, this was nothing more than a warmup for the Italian powerhouse, which begins its pursuit of an eighth straight Serie A title in less than three weeks. In the midst of a four-game American tour, Juventus brought along a number of younger players who have yet to claim a spot with the senior team including 17-year-old Nicolo Fagioli, who scored on the first penalty kick.

Notably left behind was Juventus' prized acquisition of the offseason — five-time FIFA Player of the Year Cristiano Ronaldo.

The 33-year-old remained in Europe to rest and train after Portugal's elimination from the World Cup and his pricey transfer from Real Madrid.

The MLS team faced its own challenges. There were only a couple of days to blend together an all-star squad from the 23-team league — a group that didn't include LA Galaxy forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic. The 36-year-old Swede, who played with Juventus from 2004-06 and ranks second in MLS with 15 goals, skipped the exhibition match, saying he needed the rest after play-

ing three league matches in a nine-day span that included his first MLS hat trick. "Taking into account that we only had two days together, I think everyone did an excellent job," said Atlanta United coach Tata Martino, who guided the MLS team.

This game was a showcase for Atlanta United and \$1.5 billion Mercedes-Benz Stadium, where record crowds have flocked since the club joined MLS in 2017. The team is averaging nearly 52,000 per game this season and already has drawn five largest single-game league crowds in MLS history — each more than 70,000.

Add another attendance mark to the ever-growing

list. It was the largest stand-alone turnout in the history of the MLS All-Star Game, surpassing the 2010 match in Houston that featured Manchester United and drew 70,728.

Juventus jumped ahead in the 21st minute. Giving the Italians far too much room to develop the play, the MLS back line allowed Matheus Pereira to go unchallenged as he curled a left-footed pass in front of the goal. Andrea Favilli flicked it past Atlanta keeper Brad Guzan with a nifty header.

The lead didn't last long. Five minutes later, Martinez sent the Atlanta fans into a frenzy with a goal of pure persistence.

Minnesota's Francisco Calvo got off a blistering shot in front of the net, which was brilliantly swatted away by keeper Wojciech Szczesny with a leaping save. The rebound ricocheted to the side of the net, where Montreal's Ignacio Piatti attempted to head it in from a tough angle.

The ball bounced along the line, all the way to the other side of the net, where Martinez got a head on it — just enough to slide it into the net while Juventus defender Alex Sandro flailed at it helplessly with his feet while sprawled on his back. □

## Tokyo 2020 triathlon to start early to beat the heat

By JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

**TOKYO (AP)** — Triathlon events at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics will be staged on the large man-made island of Odaiba in Tokyo Bay and will start early in the morning to counter the heat that is expected in the Japanese capital.

Tokyo Games organizers and the International Triathlon Union on Thursday revealed plans for the individual triathlons, mixed relay, and para-triathlons.

As with the marathon, the potential for scorching summer conditions factored into the plans. The triathlons will start at 8 a.m.

instead of 10 a.m. as originally planned.

Japan is in the midst of a deadly heatwave, with temperatures topping 40 degrees Celsius (104 F). The heat has been blamed for 116 deaths.

The 1964 Games in Tokyo were held in October to avoid the harshest of the heat. That was before the Olympics schedule was influenced by rights-paying broadcasters and sponsors.

The heat isn't the only concern.

Last year, E.coli concentrations were found to be 21 times above the accepted limit in the Odaiba area.

Fecal coliform bacteria were also detected.

Officials have blamed much of the problem on heavy rains last year, a surprise sanitation problem in a country known for cleanliness. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government has installed underwater screens in Odaiba and will study how they could prevent pollution from entering the competition area.

With the Rainbow Bridge and the Tokyo skyline as a backdrop, organizers say the triathlon venue will provide a dynamic urban atmosphere unlike previous Olympics.

"The location is perfect and



Japan's Yuka Sato is helped off the course after finishing the mixed relay at the ITU World Triathlon Series in Edmonton, Alberta, Saturday July 28, 2018.

Associated Press

it is incredibly exciting to be right in the heart of Tokyo at Odaiba Bay," said Mari-

sol Casado, president of the International Triathlon Union. □



# Ditch the joystick? Swiss develop jacket that pilots drones

By JAMEY KEATEN  
Associated Press

**LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)** — Ever dreamt of flying without flapping wings, airplanes, hand-gliders or wing suits — just soaring free over the landscape with arms outstretched like Superman?

Thanks to virtual reality and advanced motion sensors, drone pilots can now experience something close to that imaginary sensation.

Scientists, engineers and robotics experts at a Swiss university have developed a jacket that allows users to fly drones hands-free: the drone is controlled simply by moving one's torso.

The team at Ecole Polytechnique Federal de Lausanne hopes the technology could one day be used by rescuers, farmers, Hollywood camera crews and beyond.

"Our aim was to design a control method which would be easy to learn and therefore require less mental focus from the users so that they can focus on more important issues, like search and rescue," said Jenifer Miehlebradt of EPFL's Translational Neuroengineering Laboratory.

"Using your torso really gives you the feeling that you are actually flying," she said.



Robotics expert on the Ecole Polytechnique Federal de Lausanne, EPFL team, Matteo Macchini, right, displays the fly controls in a virtual reality scenario as he controls the flight of a drone in foreground, while observed by a fellow member of the team, July 23, 2018, in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Associated Press

The teams at the came up with the idea after challenging the belief that joysticks and hand-operated controls are the only or main way that mankind can fly.

Instead, they figured that the body's own movements, if properly mirrored, could do the main work — freeing up not only the eyes to look around like those of an eagle searching for prey, but also unencumber hands and fingers that could do other things.

In fact, their studies showed

the torso system is easier to learn and more precise than a joystick.

In mid-July, the team published a paper in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in the U.S. explaining the development.

The flying isn't all that developed yet — don't ask for loop-de-loop acrobatics — but the system appears on track. The jacket isn't fully autonomous yet, and the drones require a second operator to regulate the speed.

The system relies on an increasingly commonplace motion sensor that clicks into the back of a flexible, black, Velcro-strapped jacket. Adjustable metal bars can be used to prop up the arms to reduce fatigue of pilots seeking an out-stretched arm sensation. It is incredibly easy to use, if a bit dizzying at first, in the VR world of EPFL's campus.

The team uses drone testing labs to fly the drones in virtual worlds. During a demonstration, Matteo

Macchini, a robotics expert on the EPFL team, showcased how a prototype glove allows for some extra controls.

"To control the height and the yaw of the drone, you can use your body," said Macchini, while wearing the jacket and glove in a drone testing lab. "But for high level controls — like controlling the speed and taking off and landing — we designed and prototyped a data glove ... to increase the speeds and decrease the speeds, take off and land, and just take some interesting positions that you might find on the fields."

Experts pinpointed and mimicked how the torso works by affixing lightweight, round infrared markers about the size of marbles on the body of a subject sitting in the middle of a ring of infrared cameras, and collecting the data.

"To develop this system, to have the opportunity to make as many tests as we want, we started in virtual reality," said Miehlebradt in Geneva, while demonstrating the infrared monitoring systems. She cruised easily through orange-colored target clouds in the VR world using her body. □



In this April 28, 2016, file photo, visitors gather at a display booth for Google at the 2016 Global Mobile Internet Conference (GMIC) in Beijing.

The Associated Press

Google is reportedly working on a mobile version of its search engine that will comply with strict censorship controls in China.

The Intercept reported that the work has been ongoing since the spring of 2017 and was accelerated in

December following a meeting between Google CEO Sundar Pichai and a top government official. It cited internal Google documents and unnamed people familiar with the plans.

The New York Times and Wall Street Journal con-

## Reports: Google working on censorship-ready search for China

firmed the work in separate reports Wednesday, also citing unnamed sources. Google did not reply to a request for comment.

According to The Intercept, Google created a custom Android app that will automatically filter out sites blocked by China's so-called "Great Firewall." Google has not offered search services in China since it largely exited the country in 2010.

Google had previously complied with censorship controls starting in 2006 as it sought a foothold in the booming Chinese economy. But it faced unrelenting pressure from human rights groups and some shareholders to leave.

Google co-founder Sergey Brin was born in the Soviet Union in 1973 and lived there until age 6 when his family fled. He has said his experience with a repressive regime shaped his and the company's views.

Pichai, who became CEO in 2015 when Google became part of parent Alphabet, has said he wants Google to be in China serving Chinese users.

Since Google exited, Baidu has become the dominant search engine in China. Its shares are down about 7 percent since Tuesday's close on speculation about Google's return.

Google has been making small inroads into the country recently.

In June, Google invested \$550 million in JD.com, a Chinese e-commerce platform that is second only to Alibaba in the country. The companies said they would collaborate on retail solutions around the world without mentioning China, where Google services including Gmail and YouTube are blocked.

In December, Google announced it was opening an artificial intelligence lab in Beijing.

Fei-Fei Li, a Stanford researcher who joined Google as its chief artificial intelligence scientist in January 2017, said in a blog post at the time, "AI and its benefits have no borders." □



# Financial fruit: Apple becomes 1st trillion-dollar company

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple has become the world's first publicly traded company to be valued at \$1 trillion, the financial fruit of stylish technology that has redefined what we expect from our gadgets.

The milestone reached Thursday marks the latest triumph of a trend-setting company that two mavericks named Steve started in a Silicon Valley garage 42 years ago.

The achievement seemed unimaginable in 1997 when Apple teetered on the edge of bankruptcy, with its stock trading for less than \$1, on a split-adjusted basis, and its market value dropping below \$2 billion.

To survive, Apple brought back its once-exiled co-founder, Steve Jobs, as interim CEO and turned to its archival Microsoft for a \$150 million cash infusion to help pay its bills.

If someone had dared to buy \$10,000 worth of stock at that point of desperation, the investment would be worth about \$2.6 million now.

Jobs eventually introduced



In this Jan. 9, 2007 file photo, Apple CEO Steve Jobs holds up the new iPhone during his keynote address at MacWorld Conference & Expo in San Francisco.

Associated Press

popular products such as the iPod and iPhone that subsequently drove Apple's rise. The stock has been surging this week as anticipation mounts for the next generation of iPhone, expected to be released in September.

Apple hit the \$1 trillion mark when its shares reached \$207.04 around midday in New York. They rose to an all-time high of \$207.26 before falling back slightly. The shares are up around 22 percent so far this year. Another company, Saudi

Arabian Oil Co. could eclipse Apple if it goes through with plans for an initial public offering. Saudi officials have said the IPO would value Saudi Aramco, as the company is often called, at about \$2 trillion. But until the IPO is complet-

ed, Saudi Aramco's actual value remains murky.

Jobs' vision, showmanship and sense of style propelled Apple's comeback. But it might not have happened if he hadn't evolved into a more mature leader after his exit from the company in 1985. His ignominious departure came after losing a power struggle with John Sculley, a former PepsiCo executive who he recruited to become Apple's CEO in 1983 — seven years after he and his geeky friend Steve Wozniak teamed up to start the company with the administrative help of Ronald Wayne.

Jobs remained mercurial when he returned to Apple, but he had also become more thoughtful and adept at spotting talent that would help him create a revolutionary innovation factory. One of his biggest coups came in 1998 when he lured a soft-spoken Southerner, Tim Cook, away from Compaq Computer at a time when Apple's survival remained in doubt.

Cook's hiring may have been one of the best things Jobs did for Apple. □

## Average US mortgage rates rise; 30-year at 4.60 percent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates rose for the second straight week, continuing to dampen prospects for potential homebuyers.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages jumped to 4.60 percent this week from 4.54 percent last week.

Long-term loan rates have been running at their highest levels in seven years. The average benchmark 30-year rate reached a high this year of 4.66 percent on May 24. By contrast, the rate stood at 3.93 percent a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans increased to 4.08 percent

this week from 4.02 percent last week.

Higher mortgage rates combined with steadily rising home prices have restrained home sales this summer despite the robust economy and job market. The Federal Reserve on Wednesday left its key interest rate unchanged but signaled further gradual rate hikes in the months ahead as long as the economy stays healthy.

As prices for U.S. Treasury bonds have dropped, the yield on the benchmark 10-year note rose to 3 percent this week for the first time since mid-June. The rate was at 2.99 percent Thursday morning. Higher yields on Treasuries tend to push interest rates higher on mortgages and other

loans.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week.

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates.

The average fee on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages declined to 0.4 point from 0.5 point last week.

The fee on 15-year mortgages was unchanged at 0.4 point.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages rose to 3.93 percent from 3.87 percent last week. The fee dropped to 0.2 point from 0.4 point. □



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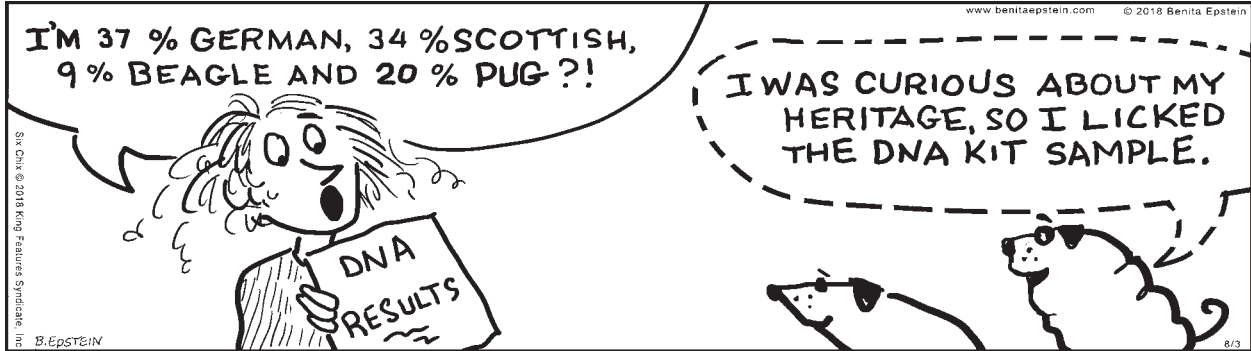
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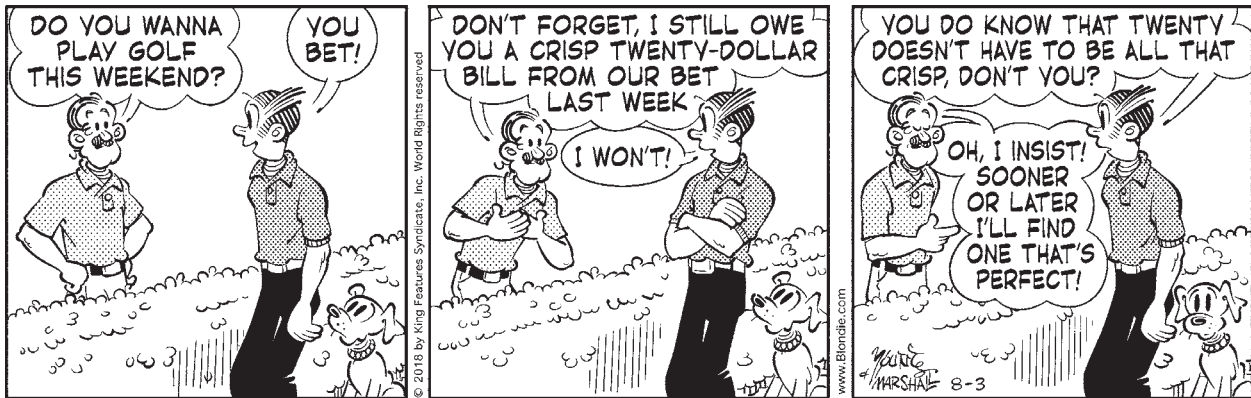
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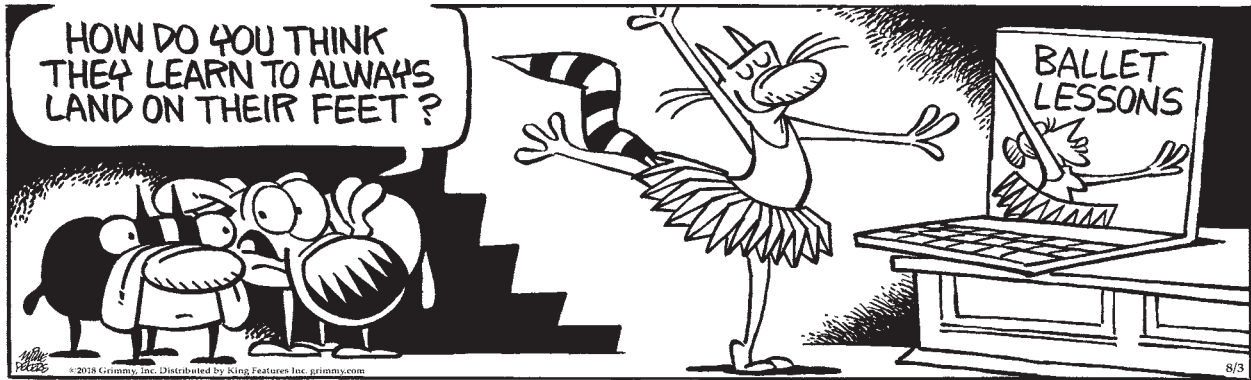
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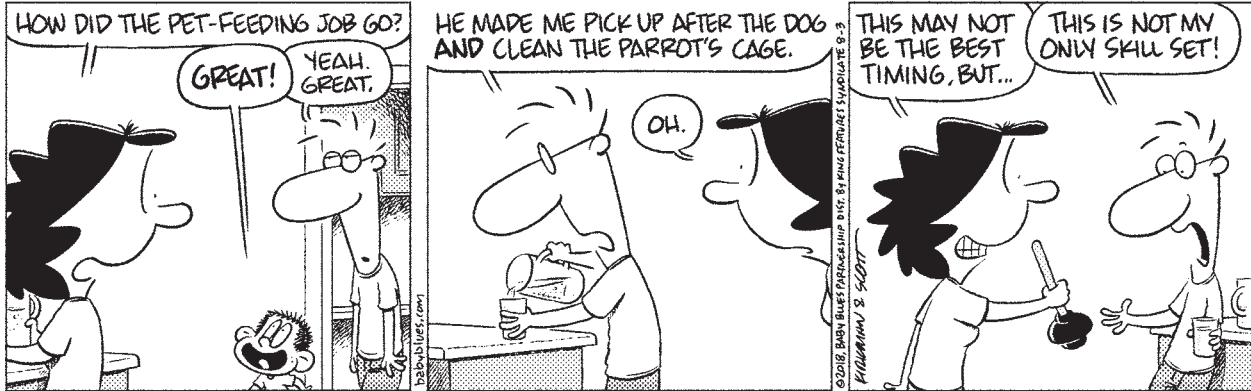
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**Conceptis Sudoku**

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

7	1	5	6	2	8	4	3	9
4	8	2	9	3	5	1	7	6
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3	6	1	8	9	4	2	5	7
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8	2	4	7	5	3	9	6	1

**ACROSS**

- School parents' org.
- Father
- Weeps
- Needy
- Worship
- \_\_\_ company; go separate ways
- Military force
- Canadian province
- ABC followers
- Threaded fastener
- Booby prize winner
- Frequently
- Become firm
- Combined, as funds
- Human being
- Shining
- Smooth and glossy
- Animal in the house
- Locust or larch
- Porterhouse or T-bone
- Texas \_\_\_; univ. in Lubbock
- That girl
- Bench boards
- Actress Delta
- Most populous city in Australia
- Lubricant
- Uncooked
- Browned bread
- Undress
- Great fear
- "\_\_\_ a Wonderful Life"
- Student's record
- Castle ditch
- Sty cry
- Misrepresent
- Griffith or Warhol
- Cookware
- Uppsala native
- Feminine ending

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**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

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YOU	FLOE	STUDY
DWELL	MAE	
LABELS	HEARST	
ADULT	FRANC	TAN
BIRD	FIELD	BAKE
SOS	HORDE	GATES
STREAM	DESIST	
AIL	CAMEO	
ASTIR	MANS	NBA
UNASSUMING	HAUL	
KALE	PEKOE	ARMS
SPED	SNEER	TYPO

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**DOWN**

- over; study intently
- Playful behavior
- Suffix for bound or honor
- Did a jig
- Decorate
- Bar soap brand
- Sketch
- Simple reply
- Thread holders
- Barn dinner
- Creamy white cheese
- "Twinkle, twinkle, little \_\_\_"
- Cushion
- Department store employee
- Meat-and-veggie dish
- Floating sheet of ice
- Nerdy fellow
- Walkway
- Villains
- Small vegetables
- Surgeries
- Whiplash sites
- Stick around
- up; ease
- "My Country, 'Tis of \_\_\_"
- Cease
- Threesome

- Mon.'s follower
- Button alternatives
- Pitt or Garrett
- Beverages
- Small beard
- Lukewarm
- Cease
- Threesome
- and rave; carry on
- Carey or Barrymore
- Infuriate
- Small amounts
- Eyeid problem
- "Blue Bloods" network
- Actress West





In this July 24, 1969, file photo, the Apollo 11 command module lands in the Pacific Ocean and crew waits to be picked up by U.S. Navy personnel after an eight day mission to the moon.

Associated Press

## Gold lunar module replica stolen from museum still missing

By MARK GILLISPIE

Associated Press

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — It's been just over a year since a thief broke into the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Ohio and stole an 18-karat gold replica of the Apollo 11 lunar module and other artifacts that have yet to be recovered or suspects arrested.

The replicas created by Cartier were given to Neil Armstrong, the first person to step onto the lunar surface, and to fellow astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins in Paris following their historic 1969 moon voyage. The theft from the Armstrong museum in Wapakoneta prompted fears that it would be melted down for its gold value, which remains around \$40,000.

The 5-inch-tall (12.7-centimeter) replica given to Aldrin sold at auction last November for nearly \$150,000. Wapakoneta Police Chief Calvin Schneider, a native son of Armstrong's birthplace in western Ohio, called the theft was a "body blow." He said an FBI analysis of evidence gathered after the theft last July could prove helpful in tracking suspects.

"Once we get something back from the lab, we might be closer," Schneider said.

The museum's interim director, Brittany Venturella, said the lunar module was one

of more than 2,000 artifacts on display or stored at the museum.

Joseph Gutheinz Jr., a former NASA investigator who has helped recover valuable moon rocks brought back from space, called the theft a "shame." He maintains that those involved were likely not sophisticated thieves and likely had it melted down for its gold value. The auction house that sold the replica given to Aldrin said it weighed 1.8 pounds (0.8 kilograms), or about 29 ounces.

What struck Gutheinz is that the thieves did not steal a large moon rock from the museum that would have far more value on the black market and would be easier to sell. □

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## Deep origin of rare blue diamonds revealed in their flaws

By CHRISTINA LARSON

AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Blue diamonds — like the Smithsonian's famous Hope diamond — are the rarest of all and how they formed more than a billion years ago is a bit of a mystery. Now scientists think they have a glimmer of an answer.

They've long known that the blue tint comes from traces of boron in the diamond.

But the element is mostly found near the Earth's surface, not deep down where diamonds are typically created.

Researchers scrutinized 46 blue diamonds, studying imperfections in the gems for clues.

"The origin of blue diamonds is such an alluring question — you don't see them very often. And the famous ones, like the Hope diamond, have such mystique," said Kim Tait, a gem expert at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

Just 1 out of 200,000 diamonds are blue. Like all diamonds, they are made when carbon comes under intense pressure and extreme heat deep inside the



This undated photo made available by the Smithsonian Institution shows the Hope Diamond. Associated Press

Earth. As they form, they can trap tiny bits of rock inside — like fossils in amber.

"Diamond is an extraordinary container, a time capsule," said Steven Shirey, a geochemist at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington.

Shirey and his colleagues used lasers to examine the diamonds' imperfections — slivers of embedded

rock — at the Gemological Institute of America. How the light is reflected helps identify the minerals inside, said Evan Smith, a research scientist at the institute who led the study.

"You can start putting together a picture of what the surrounding rocks looked like, to recreate the birthplace of the diamonds," Smith said.

Based on their findings, it's clear that blue diamonds are formed at far greater depths than other diamonds, some deeper than 410 miles (660 kilometers), Smith said. Most other diamonds are formed between about 90 to 125 miles (150 to 200 kilometers), Shirey said.

The researchers suggest that boron in the ocean

floor was pushed down when plates that make up the Earth's crust collided. The element allows the stone to absorb some red light, so the diamond looks blue.

Their findings were published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*.

"Most of the impurities contained in these blue diamonds came from a very deep source," said Dongzhou Zhang, a scientist at the University of Hawaii, who was not involved in the research. "This study tells us for the first time that blue diamonds are formed very deep in the interior of Earth."

Diamond deposits eventually reach the surface through volcanic eruptions. The 45-carat, walnut-size Hope diamond, long rumored to carry a curse, wasn't included in the study but the findings help us know where it came from, said the Toronto museum's Tait, who had no role in the research. The Hope diamond's many owners included Marie Antoinette. "It's such an amazing stone," Tait said. □



In this April 11, 2010 file photo, tourists walk along a ridge at Death Valley National Park, Calif. Preliminary data show that Death Valley set the world record for hottest month in July, 2018.

Associated Press

## Death Valley sets tentative world record for hottest month

By JOHN ANTCHAK

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The natural furnace of California's Death Valley was on full broil in July, tentatively setting a world record for hottest month ever.

The month's average temperature was 108.1 degrees (42.28 Celsius), said Todd Lericos, a meteorologist in the Las Vegas office of the National Weather Service. That roasted the previous

record, set in Death Valley in July 2017 when the average was 107.4 degrees (41.89 Celsius).

"It eclipsed the record by quite a bit," Lericos said, adding that the data is considered preliminary and needs to be reviewed before it goes into official record books.

The temperatures are measured at Furnace Creek in Death Valley National Park, a vast, austere and rugged

landscape in the desert of southeastern California that includes Badwater Basin, which at 282 feet (85.9 meters) below sea level is the lowest point in North America.

The valley got its morbid name from a group of pioneers who got lost there in 1849-1850 and thought it would be the end, according to the National Park Service. Only one died, however, before they found their way out. Summer heat is so routinely extreme that tourists are warned to drink at least a gallon (4 liters) of water each day, carry additional water in their cars, stay close to their vehicles and watch themselves and others for dizziness, nausea and other symptoms of potentially deadly heat illness. □

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# Hemingway story from 1956 published for first time

By HILLEL ITALIE

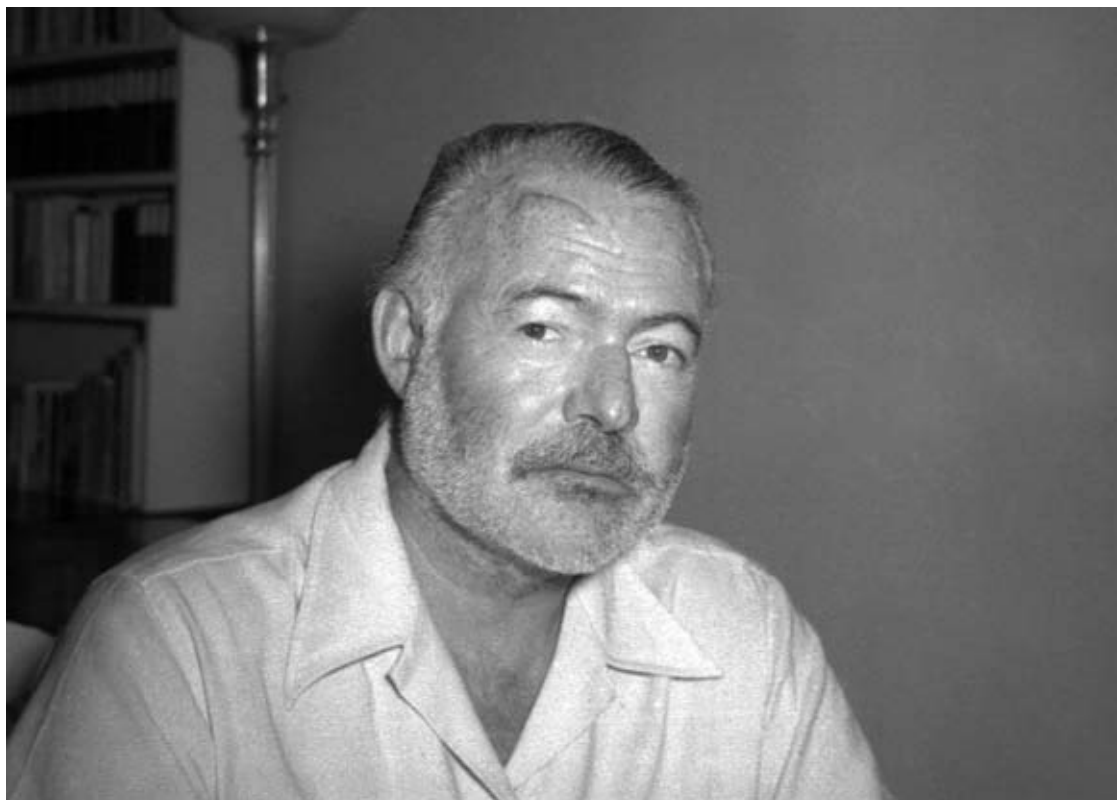
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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The themes and trappings are familiar for an Ernest Hemingway narrative: Paris, wartime, talk of books and wine and the scars of battle.

But the story itself has been little known beyond the scholarly community for decades: "A Room on the Garden Side," written in 1956, is being published for the first time. The brief, World War II-era fiction appears this week in the summer edition of *The Strand Magazine*, a literary quarterly which has released obscure works by Raymond Chandler, John Steinbeck and others.

"Hemingway's deep love for his favorite city as it is just emerging from Nazi occupation is on full display, as are the hallmarks of his prose," *Strand* Managing Editor Andrew F. Gulli wrote in an editorial note.

Kirk Curnutt, a board member of The Hemingway Society, contributed an afterword for the *Strand*, saying that "the story contains all



In this Aug. 21, 1950 file photo, novelist Ernest Hemingway appears at his country home in San Francisco de Paula near Havana, Cuba.

the trademark elements readers love in Hemingway."

"Steeped in talk of Marcel Proust, Victor Hugo, and Alexandre Dumas, and featuring a long excerpt in French from Charles Baudelaire's 'Les Fleurs du

Mal,' the story implicitly wonders whether the heritage of Parisian culture can recover from the dark taint of fascism," Curnutt wrote. War was a longtime muse for Hemingway. He served as an ambulance driver during World War I, draw-

ing upon his experiences for his classic novel "A Farewell to Arms." The Spanish Civil War inspired his novel "For Whom the Bell Tolls." He was both soldier and correspondent during World War II and was on hand in Paris in August 1944 for the

liberation from Nazi occupation, described by the author in reports published soon after by *Collier's* magazine.

"A Room on the Garden Side" takes place in the Ritz hotel (Hemingway liked to say that he liberated the Ritz bar) and is narrated by a Hemingway stand-in called Robert who shares the author's own nickname — Papa. Robert and his entourage drink wine, quote from Baudelaire and debate "the dirty trade of war."

"I did it to save the lives of people who had not hired out to fight," the narrator explains. "There was that and the fact that I had learned to know and love an infantry division and wished to serve it in any useful way I could."

"I also loved France and Spain next to my own country. I loved other countries too but the debt was paid and I thought that the account was closed, not knowing the accounts are never closed." □

Associated Press

## 'To the Sunset' is Amanda Shires' best album yet

By STEVEN WINE

Associated Press

Amanda Shires, "To the Sunset" (Silver Knife/Thirty Tigers) The start of Amanda Shires' new album sounds like a spin of the dial on an old radio struggling to find a station amid the static. Will it be country music? Pop? Rock? Or maybe something from outer space, which inspired the lyrics to the first song.

Shires is way out there, an unclassifiable original, which is what makes "To the Sunset" a pleasure. Nash-

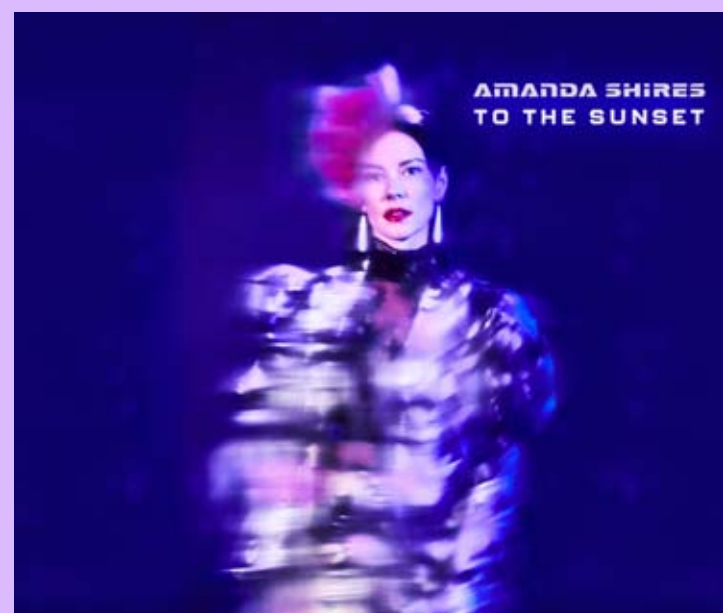
ville superstar producer Dave Cobb was clearly on board with the idea of creating something different, and he helped Shires come up with a 10-song set that's her best work yet.

It starts with her quirky, quavery alto, which is processed and multi-tracked to excellent effect. A fine supporting cast includes her husband, Jason Isbell, who plays guitar riffs not heard on his own records and sounds as though he's having a blast.

Ditto Shires, who plays the

uke, whistles and lets out a gleeful "Wooo!" at the start of the rocker "Eve's Daughter." She should be happy after writing a batch of terrific, slightly twisted tunes filled with happy hooks and memorable melodies.

Armed with a newly earned MFA in creative writing, Shires serves up quotable couplets about champagne, clothes envy and music versus sports. These songs would sound good on any radio, old or new. □



This cover image released by Silver Knife/Thirty Tigers shows "To The Sunset," a release by Amanda Shires.

Associated Press

## Sheriff: Radio host Art Bell died of prescription overdose

Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Art Bell, a former syndicated AM radio host best known for nightly shows in the 1990s featuring paranormal themes and conspiracy theories, died of an accidental overdose of prescription drugs, authorities

in Nevada said Wednesday.

An autopsy found the 72-year-old Bell's death April 13 at home in rural Pahrump was from "multiple drug intoxication from his own lawfully prescribed prescriptions," Nye County Sheriff Sharon Wehrly's of-

fice said in a brief Facebook announcement. It called the death an accidental overdose.

Clark County Coroner John Fudenberg, whose office in Las Vegas handled the medical examination, said Bell had the painkillers oxycodone and hydrocodone,

the sedative diazepam and the muscle-relaxant carisoprodol in his system. High blood pressure and the lung disease chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder were additional "significant conditions" in Bell's death, Fudenberg said. The coroner said there was

no indication of foul play. Bell produced, engineered and hosted his radio talk show, "Coast to Coast AM," from his radio station, KNYE, before he left the airwaves in 2002. Pahrump is about 60 miles (96 kilometers) west of Las Vegas. □



# YA hodgepodge 'The Darkest Minds' whiffs on story

By LINDSEY BAHR  
Associated Press

Kids under the age of 18 are being persecuted by adults for their special powers in "The Darkest Minds," an adaptation of book one of Alexandra Bracken's young adult trilogy that's about five years and 15 movie dystopias too late to feel the least bit fresh or interesting.

And it's not for lack of trying. Director Jennifer Yuh Nelson ("Kung Fu Panda 2") brings a heart-pounding intensity to the deeply disturbing story in her live-action debut. Children die, are beaten, burned alive, hunted and interned for their powers, which are helpfully color-coded by their glowing eyes and can essentially range from super smart to Jedi to fire-breather. But the story is not only derivative of so many other dystopias and kids with power sagas, but, and perhaps worst of all, it never even really gets going — a clear and infuriating set up for some future installment. The film speeds through a jumble of exposition setting



This image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows, Skylan Brooks, Miya Cech, Amandla Stenberg and Harris Dickinson in a scene from "The Darkest Minds."

up a world in which most of the children die suddenly and the 2 percent who remain develop said special powers. The U.S. President (Bradley Whitford), afraid of tots and teens capable of mind control and telekinesis even though he's also father to one, dispatches his military to round them up, execute the most dangerous, and force the rest into

servitude in labor camps. Ruby (Amandla Stenberg) is our entry into this world. She's an "orange," the second most dangerous color, but survives by mind-controlling the screeners into thinking she's "green," or the smart ones. But the stereotypically sinister military guys (like Wade Williams' "The Captain") running the camp she's in are suspicious and decide to stage

a test to figure out what she really is, but a kindly nurse at the camp, Cate (Mandy Moore), helps her escape before that. This first 30 or so minutes is actually fairly riveting with interesting action and tension as we all get acclimated to this strange world, but soon it becomes clear that this story has no intention of actually going anywhere in this movie at least.

Ruby hooks up with a little squad of runaways, the silent, electricity-wielding Zu (Miya Cech), the smarts Chubs (Skylan Brooks) and the oh-so-obvious love interest Liam (Harris Dickinson) as they search for a paradise camp they've heard of that's run by another escaped kid. There are obstacles along the way — Ruby is afraid to let her new friends know her true color, there's a psycho bounty hunter on their tail in Lady Jane (Gwendoline Christie) and a lot of cagey little cliques of kids unwilling to help.

There's also quite a lot of filler and half-baked story lines and underdeveloped ideas that leave this whole exercise feeling stilted and not quite finished. We don't know very much about Ruby, but what we do know is the night she turned 10 and her parents gave her a Gudetama keychain, her eyes glowed orange and the next morning her mother didn't remember who she was. And yet at 16, when she escapes the camp, all she wants to do is to go home. □

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## X-Men's Fan Bingbing off social media amid China tax rumors

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — X-Men actress Fan Bingbing has disappeared from social media amid rumors she has been barred from leaving China during a tax evasion investigation. Fan, 36, usually maintains

a prominent presence on China's main microblogging service Weibo, where she has more than 62 million followers. However, her account hasn't been updated since June 2, when she wrote about the work of her charitable foundation.

Her boyfriend, actor Li Chen, has not updated his account since July 6. Unconfirmed reports circulating online say both have been barred from leaving China as the authorities look into claims that Fan was given dual contracts for her work: a public one giving her official salary and a private one stating her actual, much higher, pay. Chinese media reports say neither Fan, her production company nor agent can be reached, boosting speculation that all have been caught up in the probe. Police rarely comment on such investigations until a conclusion has been reached. However, in a June 3 statement, Fan's production company stated that Fan had never signed any "ying-yang" contract, so named because of their dual natures.



In this May 24, 2017, file photo, Fan Bingbing poses for photographers as she arrives the screening of film The Beguiled at the 70th international film festival in Cannes, France.

Associated Press



## Israelis tickled by Sacha Baron Cohen's grotesque caricature

By ARON HELLER  
Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Sacha Baron Cohen is at it again. After tapping into his familiarity with Israel and his fluency in Hebrew to shape previous eccentric personas such as Borat and Bruno, the Jewish comedian has created his most stereotypical Israeli character yet — a grotesque, faux counterterrorism instructor in his new Showtime series "Who is America?"

Retired Col. Erran Morad has already managed to dupe former Vice President Dick Cheney into signing a waterboarding kit, convinced former Senate majority leader Trent Lott to endorse a plan to arm kindergartners and caused a Georgia state representative to resign after he shouted racial slurs and exposed his rear end in a supposed self-defense drill against homophobic jihadis.

Another of those pranked, disgraced Republican Senate candidate Roy Moore, accused Baron Cohen of preying on Israel's friends in America and seeking to "embarrass, humiliate, and mock" the Jewish state. But in Israel — where Baron Cohen's mother was born and where he spent much time in his youth — people seem to be in on the joke.

"The reaction has mostly been astonishment about the accuracy of the portrayal. He really got some of our traits down," Einav Schiff, a TV critic for the Yediot Ahronot newspaper, said with a chuckle. "Everyone here knows an 'Erran Morad' but I haven't recognized any outrage or embarrassment about the character. It's mostly been ridicule for these Americans who have fallen for him."

Typically donning black boots, fatigues and a military-type sweatshirt with inverse Hebrew writing on it, Baron Cohen's Morad character sports a scar in his bushy unibrow and speaks in heavily-accented, broken English peppered with Hebrew expressions and in a choppy cadence typical of Israel's gruff military types. Though he is said



This image released by Showtime shows former Vice President Dick Cheney and actor Sacha Baron Cohen, portraying retired Israeli Colonel Erran Morad in a still from "Who Is America?"  
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to be a colonel, he sometimes refers to himself as a general, major or captain, or alternately someone who served in the shadowy Mossad spy agency. With Cheney, the alleged retired operative showed up in a full olive-green military uniform and the insignia of a staff sergeant, none of which seemed to set off any alarm bells with the former U.S. secretary of defense.

It's that type of lunacy that has mostly tickled Israelis. Besides exposing the prejudices of his targets, Baron Cohen's humor has also uncovered the fetishized version of Israel that many of its supposed staunch supporters on the religious right believe exists. Nearly all were drawn to the interviews under the guise of a fake pro-Israel award for their support, when in fact all it did was expose their ignorance.

In practice, most Israelis are secular, gay-friendly and, even with the country's mandatory military service, have little interest in firearms as recreation. Israeli gun laws are in fact quite stiff and most look at America's obsession with weapons incredulously.

Nowhere is that more evident than in Morad's "kinderguardian" program segment, in which a string of gun-loving conservatives are fooled into believing

Israel arms preschoolers to counter school shootings. More astoundingly, they go on to endorse such child-friendly products like "Puppy Pistol," "Gunny Rabbit" and the magical "Uzi-corn." "The intensive three-week Kinderguardian course introduces specially selected children from 12 to 4 years old to pistols, rifles, semi-automatics, and a rudimentary knowledge of mortars," former republican congressman Joe Walsh says in one segment. "In less than a month — less than a month — a first-grader can become a first-grenade-er."

In a subsequent CNN interview, Walsh admitted he was duped by a program that struck him as fishy. "I'm thinking to myself 'well this is kind of crazy, but it is Israel and Israel is strong on defense,'" he explained.

Such reasoning has raised some concern in Israel that others may be naive enough to take Baron Cohen's spoof literally.

"Yes, your satire was outrageously on point and Col. Erran Morad was spot on. Still, bad enough that Israel gets demonized for the things it actually does, you have to go and make horrifying fake stuff up?" wrote Allison Kaplan Sommer, an English-language columnist for the Haaretz daily. "Satire or not, I'm afraid the American public is going to

be left with the impression, that we are, in fact, gun fans when the truth is our gun control is a million times stricter than in the U.S."

Baron Cohen, 46, no doubt, knows his material. He is an observant Jew who belonged to a Zionist Jewish youth group while in high school in England. Upon graduation he spent a year working and studying on a kibbutz in northern Israel and has since returned for several visits. His fluency in Hebrew and grasp of Israeli politics and culture has found its way into his comedic acts before.

In Borat, the fake Kazakh that his wacky, misogynist and anti-Semitic character speaks is actually Hebrew — a twist that made the 2006 movie a fan-favorite in Israel. The film is filled with Hebrew vulgarities and in one scene Borat sings the lyrics of the legendary Hebrew folk song "Koom Bachur Atzel," meaning "get up lazy boy." Borat's signature catch phrase — "Wa wa wee wa," an expression for wow — derives from a skit on a popular Israeli comedy show.

Three years later, Baron Cohen portrayed Bruno — a flamboyant Austrian fashionista with a Nazi streak — and visited Israel, nearly sparking a riot in an ultra-Orthodox Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem after strutting down the street in

a sexed-up Hassidic outfit. He also comically referred to the chickpea dish "hummus" and the Islamic militant group "Hamas" interchangeably.

Showtime said Baron Cohen was not available for interviews about his new character.

With Moore, who has denied multiple allegations he pursued romantic or sexual relationships toward teenage girls while he was in his 30s, Morad taps into Israel's image as a high-tech nation to introduce its newest gadget — a "pedophile detector" that naturally beeps every time he swipes the wand in front of Moore. But even that pales in comparison to the humiliation heaped on Jason Spencer, the Georgia state representative. Egged on by Morad, Spencer proceeds to repeatedly shout a racial slur for black people, derogatorily imitates Asian tourists while slipping a selfie-stick between the legs of someone in traditional female Muslim garb and then caps it off by charging at Morad with bared buttocks to incite fear in his homophobic assailant.

Dor Hillel, a 26-year-old former Israeli soldier, said he found the gullibility so astounding it took him a while to figure out what he was watching.

"Apparently these people are so naive that they really think we are like that," he said. "These Americans will believe anything." □





# Bulldozer drivers fighting fires get 'a rush' but also risk

By JONATHAN J. COOPER  
Associated Press  
REDDING, Calif. (AP) — Not all firefighters carry a hose or shovel.

The adrenaline junkies who steer heavy bulldozers across steep ridges face serious hazards, from smoke and flames but also from unsteady dirt and steep terrain that can flip them over. The deaths of two bulldozer operators battling California wildfires in July highlighted the dangers confronting these less visible firefighters.

Braden Varney, 36, was clearing a fire line near Yosemite National Park on July 14 when his vehicle overturned and rolled down a ridge. Don Ray Smith, 81, was overtaken by wildfire near Redding last week.

Drivers of so-called dozers say they are acutely aware of the dangers and regularly find themselves in sticky situations. They do it for the thrill, the challenge, the good money and the opportunity to make a difference saving people's lives and homes.

"To me, it's the closest thing to war without getting shot at," said Dustin Westfall, a dozer operator working for a private contractor on the fire near Redding that's killed six people. "It's pandemonium ... it's wild out there. You're getting to see 200- to 300-foot flame lengths. It's a whole different world. It's a rush."

Dozers are an integral part of the battle against large



In this Tuesday, July 31, 2018 photo, bulldozer operators and their machines build containment lines while battling the River fire in Lakeport, Calif.

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blazes but are rarely seen in dramatic images of flaming trees and raining ash.

They use roughly 10-foot (3-meter) blades to push aside shrubs, brush, grass and even trees so the advancing flames meet bare dirt and have nothing to consume. Ideally, the lack of fuel will stop the fire's progress. At the very least, it generally will slow down the flames.

Dozers usually work in small groups, but sometimes alone, in extremely steep terrain. Soft soils or hard granite can cause them to slide. It's hard to see because of smoke and the dirt they kick up. Fire moves faster than heavy

machines, so shifting winds can send flames toward bulldozers.

Because dozers can get into places no other equipment can reach, the drivers sometimes find themselves far away from backup, relying on radio traffic and aircraft to tell them what the fire is doing.

Some work close to flames. Others build "contingency lines" farther back to act as a backstop if the first line is breached.

"They're a special breed of guys," said Cliff Allen, president of the union representing California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection personnel, including dozer operators. "The job that they do, it takes a special person, because they're going up and down really steep terrain."

Dozer operators looking to work directly for Cal Fire, the state's firefighting agency, must have 500 hours of experience just to be considered. Privately hired operators have various experience levels, but all must complete an annual course in fire line safety. Authorities have released little information about how Varney and Smith died.

Their deaths come two years after a dozer trying to maneuver around a fire engine overturned near Big Sur and the operator was

ejected. Another dozer operator was killed in the same region in 2007 when his rig rolled, causing him to hit his head on the wall of the cab, according to Cal Fire investigative reports.

The deaths have weighed heavily on dozer drivers busy with an active fire season across the Western United States — a reminder of the perils that await them on the fire line.

Dean Mullis, a childhood friend of Varney's and a fellow heavy equipment operator for Cal Fire, said Varney was devoted to his family and unfailingly generous.

"Braden would go to a fire,

get covered in dirt, come home and play crocodile with his kids on his living room carpet," Mullis said. "He was a man's man, and he was a father first and foremost."

He came from a bulldozing family — his father was a dozer driver for Cal Fire, and the two started a grading and excavating business.

Smith, a bulldozer operator working for a private company on contract for the state, "always had some good laughs and good stories" and liked to sit outside his trailer drinking beer with friends, said Vaughn Hohing, who used to fight fires as a bulldozer operator and said he worked often with Smith.

When he wasn't fighting fires, Smith lived and worked on a horse ranch in Pollock Pines, east of Sacramento, repairing things, plowing snow and performing other maintenance. Smith had lots of experience working outdoors with heavy equipment.

At 81, Smith was one of the older guys working on fires, but dozer operators said it's common for people to work into their 60s and 70s. Fighting fire is a specialized skill, and while the pay is good, it's an expensive business to get into.

"If you're in a bad mood, go see Don," Hohing said. "You always felt better when you left." □



In this Dec. 12, 2017 file photo a member of a Santa Barbara County Fire Crew keeps an eye on a bulldozer building a fire break in the hills above Bella Vista Drive in Montecito, Calif.

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In this photo taken Sunday, July 29, 2018, Dustin Westfall, a 29-year-old bulldozer operator working on the Carr Fire, rests with his dozer as fire crews scout a route for him to clear in Igo, Calif.

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